Visa regulations in the Czech Republic:

The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic publishes a list of low risk countries and updates this list according to the current world-wide epidemiological situation. Citizens of these countries can apply for visa in the way it was normal before the pandemic. If visa is not required, travelling from the low risk countries to the Czech Republic is possible again without stating the purpose of visit.

Most countries outside of Europe, however, are not on this list.

Czech Embassies in most countries are now open again. However, they cannot accept applications to all the types of visa, pursuant to the <u>Rules for Entering the Territory of the Czech Republic</u>, as amended. The Ministry has set rather strict regulations under which any institution accepting foreigners needs to commit to. The commitment is in the form of a statement which the institution needs to sign and the student or researcher needs to submit it at the embassy prior the visa is marked in their passport.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Protective Measure, the institution accepting foreigners commits to provide the students and researchers with accommodation throughout the period of their stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, including the place where a quarantine measure shall be undergone in event a public health authority orders it; and in the case for short-term visa, with medical care or a registered provider of medical services for the duration of their stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, including the medical care expenses, unless provided otherwise; and return to the country of origin in the event of loss of the purpose of stay in the territory of the Czech Republic.

All the travellers further need to fill in the arrival form prior to the arrival.

The easiest way to keep updated is to follow the website of the Czech Ministry of the Interior here where all the regulations and links to valid legislation are provided and updated regularly.