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Companies must test for 'covid'



Every state of emergency declared by the Czech government in the past year, including the one [on Fri.](#), has been based on the presence in the CR of SARS CoV-2. The declaration of a pandemic by the World Health Organization on [March 11](#) and [March 12](#) of last year made this possible. The cabinet was always careful to distinguish in its declarations between the coronavirus and covid-19 (the disease). So few people have been sick with covid - showing symptoms - that it would be difficult to justify stripping people of their human rights if covid were the criterion. An invisible virus that only a test can detect is an easier justification.

With the [new pandemic law](#) passed last week, this difference is blurred. Parliament officially declared that there is a *covid* epidemic, and the pandemic law will be used to require companies to test employees for this disease (not the virus). How companies are supposed to test for covid-19 with kits that test only for the virus will no doubt become a legal issue.

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