



COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORTS: CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

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Is Vaccine “Passport” A New Idea?

Old and New Standards



- WHO International Vaccination Certificate (“**Yellow Card**”) exists since **1969**
- **Current** technological advantages: automatic **identification, traceability, verification** etc.
- **EU “Digital Green Certificate” framework** agreed in **May 2021**. Already implemented in some EU States
- **“Green Pass”** issued first in **Israel**, effective from **February 2021**
- **Austria, Denmark, Lithuania** issue additional **national Covid-19 Vaccination Passports**
- **US** has **no federal level** vaccine passport, but **many US States (NY Excelsior Pass)** do



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EU Digital Green Certificate

Travel Facilitation and Freedom of Movement to and within EU



- Actually attests one of **3 different statuses**:
 - **vaccine** (by EU-certified vaccine; 2 weeks after full vaccine)
 - **recovery** (180 days from first positive PCR test / no RAT)
 - **negative PCR or RAT test** (valid for 48 hours for RAT or 72 hours for PCR)
- **No need for testing data or isolation** when boarding flights or crossing border within EU for holders



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National Vaccine Certificate: LT

What benefits can be enjoyed with the National Certificate?



Public catering,
indoors leisure
activities and
night clubs



**Outdoors and
indoors events**

Indoors: with up to
75% of seats occupied;
up to 2000 participants
Outdoors: no limitation



**Personal
celebrations**



**No limits on
accommodation
establishments**



**Sport clubs and
swimming pools**



**Informal
adult education
(training)**



**Organisation
long-term and
short-term contact
dating at correctional
establishments and
remand prisons**



**Contact
work**

The National Certificate is generated on the basis of the e.health system data




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Vaccine Passport Holder: Problem of Assumptions

Will Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate Holder be Proven?

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- **Vaccinated** according to **producer guidelines** on quantity and timeline between shots? **No**
 - **Immune** from Covid-19? **No**
 - **Free** of epidemiological **risk** to others? **No**
 - **No** need for more **testing** or new / **additional** vaccine **booster shot**, in case of new strains etc.? **No**
 - **Lesser** epidemiological **risk** of vaccinated person to **himself and others**. **Yes**
 - **More data** to support **each certificate** will mean **stronger assumption**



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Wider and Longer Application

What if Lockdown Lasts Years?



- **Bottom-up** approach to lifting any **current or future** Covid-19 restrictions based on **personalised** assessment of **epidemiological risk**
- **Freedom of movement**, including **no masks** for vaccinated (recommended by CDC in **US**; **not** yet in **EU**)
- More vaccinated guests at indoor and outdoor **events**
- Right to collect **benefits from State** (EUR 150 for 18-25 year olds in **Greece**)
- Right to participate at **State-run lotteries** (Ohio, **US**)
- No right to **work at public hospitals** and other similar institutions for unvaccinated (see below)



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Wider and Longer Application: Private Sector Incentives

Privileges and Disadvantages



- Bonuses of up to **USD 200** for vaccinated **employees** (Lidl, Amazon, Starbucks, McDonalds, **US**)
- Special sections, **rows** and seats for vaccinated at LA Dodgers **Stadium** (California, US) or **churches** (Washington, US)
- From **free doughnuts** (Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, US) to free **weed** (Colorado, US)
- **No right to work at private hospital** for unvaccinated (**US**, Houston Methodist case), or deal directly with patients (**Israel**)
- Some commercial establishments **disallowing unvaccinated clients** (Israel)



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Good Data is Key

Do all countries have capacity to collect and standardise all relevant data?



- **More data** means stronger assumption and more evidence-based policy. Is it enough to certify only **historical fact** of **one full vaccination**?
- **Patient** registers with **additional data** useful on each vaccine **logistics and effects** on vaccinated person (subsequent testing, side effects etc.).
- **Interoperable** electronic registers (people, business, addresses etc.)
- Is data **flowing** without **bureacratic bottlenecks**? Sharing of vaccination data with **social security** IS etc.
- **Decentralisation** in implementing Covid vaccination programmes and **data collection quality**. Guidance or control by central government authorities?
- Purpose **not to only vaccinate**, but to properly collect all **relevant data**



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Should we Microchip all Vaccinated?

“Horses don’t have good lawyers”



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