



HOW COULD COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORTS BE A BAD IDEA? A DISCUSSION

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A Word From Today's Chairman



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- Purpose – to inform technology and economic analysts of the deeper ethical, international, and legal issues
- Confluence of identity, data ownership, and human rights with public health and vaccination ethics
- Knee-jerk response may be wrong – pendulum from being useful but slightly unfair to being unhelpful and more unfair

Today's Agenda



- 15:00 – 15:05 Chairman's Introduction
- 15:05 – 15:25 Key Arguments & Discussion
- 15:25 – 15:45 Questions & Answers

Today's Speakers



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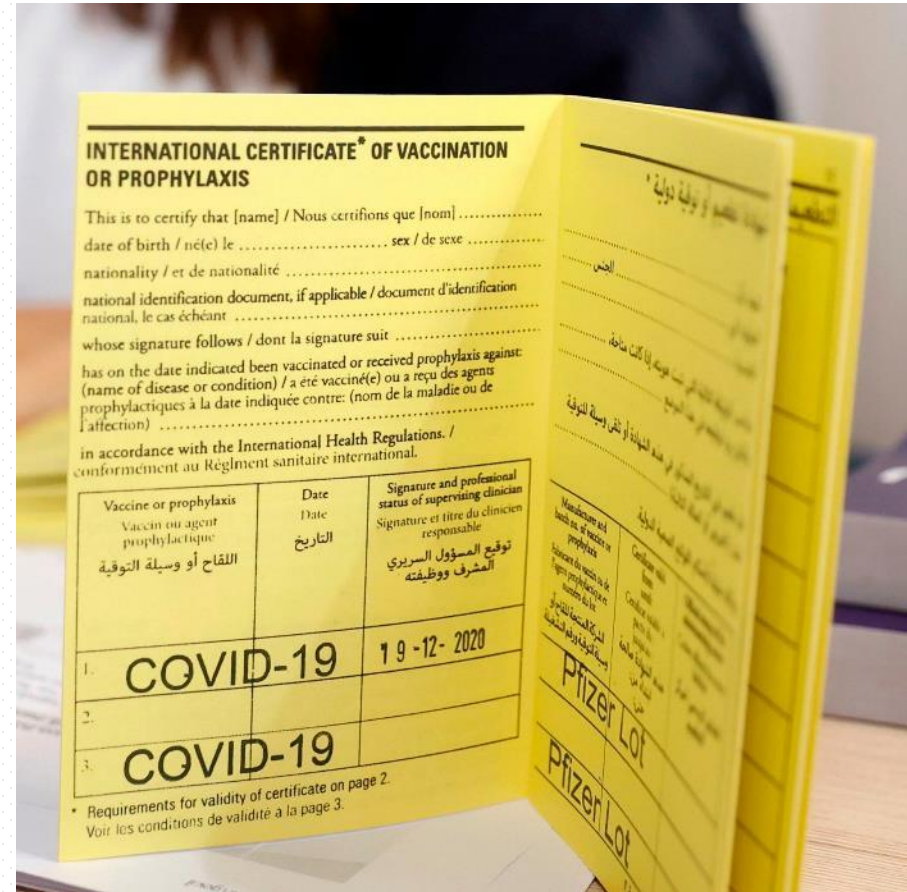
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- BCS & Z/Yen project on introduction of new technologies – DIODE methodology

<https://www.zyen.com/media/documents/ethical-assessment.pdf>

- Principlism
 - **autonomy** – respect adult decision-makers
 - **beneficence** – apply risk/benefit analysis
 - **non-maleficence** – do no harm
 - **justice** – equitable sharing of benefits
- WHO International Certificate Of Vaccination Or Prophylaxis – an imperfect analogy



Identity

Data ownership

Travel rights

Privacy rights

Bodily rights

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WHO: International Travel And Covid-19

Current Approach



- Vaccination proof not recommended as pre-requisite for border crossing: prioritising travellers denies vaccines to health workers
- Vaccine Equity Declaration: by 7th April 2021 health workers vaccination underway in all countries
- Risk mitigation measures for international travel to follow risk-assessment: regular, systematic, by-weekly
- Key focus: virus transmission opportunity -v- individual immunity
- Mixed-method: quantitative and qualitative including:
 - a) Local epidemiology in departure and destination countries
 - b) Travel volumes between countries
 - c) Destination country's public health: health services capacity to detect, care for cases and their contacts, including travellers
 - d) Departure and destination countries' public health and social measures to control spread of COVID-19
 - e) Evidence on adherence, effectiveness of reduction transmission
 - f) Contextual factors, including economic impact, human rights and feasibility of applying measures

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Current Recommendations



- All national authorities: up-to-date, proactive, transparent sharing of data on COVID-19 incidence, health services capacity and implemented public health and social measures. However:
- Departure countries detailed data not always available
- Destination countries experiencing community transmission: primary goal = not to overwhelm health system capacity
- Destination countries with no cases, imported, sporadic or few clusters: primary goal = maintaining their status
- Destination countries may resort to own travel-risk reduction and impose restrictions
- National authorities to publish their risk assessment methodology and list of departure countries to which restrictions apply
- Sub-national epidemiological information allows travel-related measures at the lowest possible administrative level

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Domestic & CTA Travel - Expedient For This Year:



- Scale of vaccination and bi-lateral assessments by jurisdictions will determine approach/scale of Vaccine Passport requirements
- The UK Common Travel Area (“CTA”) England/Scotland/Ireland- North & South/ Wales and Crown Dependencies will form the UK Jurisdiction for Vaccine Passport requirements
- Within the CTA evidence of vaccination will be determined by business sector assessment of duties to employees/customers (influenced by insurers?)
- Evidence will be electronic download of evidential certificate or some form of “Doctor’s letter/certificate”
- Measures to suppress fraudulent evidence of certification

- Highly dependent on success or otherwise of the pragmatic solutions of 2021
- Issue such as common standards/adherence to “international law and human rights” all the other costs and administration to be sat behind the scenes as “R&D” until the success of pragmatic solutions of 2021 are determined



- The challenge: the need to stimulate the economy whilst protecting lives & livelihoods
- Proposition: Covid passports are a bridge from the current situation/reality to a better future

Under what conditions would a vaccine passport be the ethical response?

How could following Realpolitik now do any real harm in the long-term?

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A Third Poll - Have We Changed Your Mind?



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A Forth & Final Poll - Have We Changed Your Mind?



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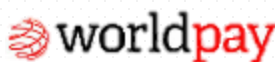
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Forthcoming Events

- Thu, 08 Apr (10:00-10:45) TLA Blockchain – Legal & Regulatory Guidance
- Fri, 09 Apr (11:00-11:45) Has Covid-19 Been A Shot In The Arm For European Mergers & Acquisitions?
- Mon, 12 Apr (11:00-11:45) Text To Intelligence – The Future Of Knowledge Graphs
- Tue, 13 Apr (09:00-09:45) Building Resilience In Australia - Lessons For The World

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- WHO - [International Health Regulations \(2005\) 3rd Edition](#)
- WHO - ["Immunity passports" in the context of COVID-19, Scientific Brief, 24/4/2020](#)
- WHO - [Considerations for implementing a risk-based approach to international travel in the context of COVID-19. Interim guidance, 16/12/2020](#)
- EU Commission - [Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic \(Digital Green Certificate\), 17/3/2021](#)
- WHO - [Interim guidance for developing a Smart Vaccination Certificate - Release Candidate 1, 19/3/2021 - Call for feedback closes 12th April 2021](#)

- German Ethics Council – [*Immunity Certificates During the Covid-19 Pandemic. Opinion, 22/9/2020*](#)
- Privacy International - [*“Anytime and anywhere”: Vaccination passports, immunity certificates, and the permanent pandemic , 17/12/2020*](#)
- German Ethics Council – [*Special Rules for Vaccinated People?, 4/2/2020*](#)
- Royal Society – [*Twelve criteria for the development and use of COVID-19 vaccine passports, 14/2/2020*](#)
- Ada Lovelace Institute - [*What place should COVID-19 vaccine passports have in society?, 17/2/2020*](#)
- Ana Beduschi, University of Exeter - [*Digital Health Passports for COVID-19:Data Privacy and Human Rights Law. Policy Brief*](#)

- Human Rights Watch – [*Covid-19: A Human Rights Checklist - \(40 questions to guide a rights-respecting response to this crisis\)*](#)
- WHO bulletin, Policy and Practice section, various authors - [*Immunity certification for COVID-19: ethical considerations, 2021*](#)
- The Lancet Covid-19 Commission Task Force on Public Health Measures to Suppress the Pandemic - [*SARS-CoV-2 variants: the need for urgent public health action beyond vaccines, 3/2021*](#)
- Centre for International Governance and Innovation - [*What's Really at Stake with Vaccine Passports, by Elizabeth M. Renieris 5/4/2021*](#)