

This is what it says:

As vaccination efforts are progressing in EU countries, vaccinated people need to receive proofs of vaccination for medical purposes, also called vaccination certificates, that:

- are useful in healthcare situations, especially if a person uses services of different healthcare organisations, possibly in different countries
- follow a common and uniform template and are understood regardless of the country
- may be issued on paper or digitally

There are several situations in which vaccination certificates may be useful:

- if a person is vaccinated in different countries and needs to show the information about the previous vaccine to the second healthcare provider
- if a patient develops side effects and they need to be reported
- the person also gets a reliable record of vaccination useful for continuity of care

These guidelines aim to support interoperability of vaccination certificates and establish a minimum dataset, including a unique identifier.

Further work is being conducted by the eHealth Network in collaboration with EU agencies and other institutions and with the World Health Organization. The goal is to establish a trust framework for the vaccination certificates and to develop better mechanisms for mutual recognition and interoperability of vaccination certificates.

We will come back with an invitation for continued work on immunisation registries supporting the national vaccination programmes in general and the vaccination certificates specifically.

With kindest regards,

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