

COVID-19 Vaccination: Building Global Capacity

Q&A for Session 14: Monitoring and Evaluating COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction

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Thank you for attending the above session for National, regional and global stakeholders. Many questions were submitted by participants, either in the Zoom chat during the session itself, or in the two Telegram channels managed by Technet-21 supporting regions, countries, and partners in preparing for COVID-19 vaccine introduction. In this document, we share the answers from presenters to each question.

Links to the session recordings in all languages and presentations can be found on the [Project ECHO website](#).

More information on COVID-19 vaccine introduction can be found in the resources listed below.

- [General questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [Preparing for COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [WHO Coronavirus disease \(COVID-2019\) technical guidance](#)
- [TechNet-21 – The Technical Network for Strengthening Immunization Services](#)
- OpenWHO COVID-19 vaccine trainings:
 - [Orientation to national deployment and vaccination planning for COVID-19 vaccines](#)

In addition, TechNet-21 manages two Telegram channels supporting regions, countries, and partners in preparing for COVID-19 vaccine introduction. In these two spaces - one anglophone and one francophone - you will be able to share your experiences, discuss key questions, and connect with experts from around the world. We'll also share new information and global guidance as it becomes available. Join us today:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction – TechNet-21 \(English\)](#)
- [Introduction des vaccins contre la Covid-19 – TechNet-21 \(Français\)](#)

Is electronic vaccination certificate issued for individuals who received only one dose?

A personal vaccination record should be issued after the first dose, as this is required for follow-up visits. This can also be done electronically, but a proof of vaccination (with one or more doses of a certain vaccine) doesn't mean that it will be universally accepted for travel purposes, for example. Countries or regional blocs will independently determine which vaccines, how many doses, and the time validity of protection. In short: likely full vaccination will be required by most countries.

Regarding vaccine certificates, it's not only access to vaccines but also access to PCR that is not equitable when it comes to international travel. Many countries do not provide free PCR for traveling and the individual needs to pay, many times 2 PCR tests, one to exit and one to enter the country. How can we tackle this issue?

We agree that a vaccine requirement for travel creates an inequitable situation, and that tests or quarantine requirements will not solve this inequity. We see no direct solution to this issue and hope that this will only be a temporary problem while vaccines are being rolled out more widely.

Does WHO at global level have a COVID-19 vaccination dashboard as Our World in Data has?

A summary dashboard already exists: <https://covid19.who.int/>. To see vaccination data, one has to select the corresponding option on the bottom left. Additionally, we will publish a portal with more detailed by-country data, as reported by member states on a monthly basis. (no link available yet)