Digital Vaccine Certificate – An Overview

Since 14 June 2021, many pharmacies are issuing digital vaccine certificates free of charge. They are a convenient way for anyone who has been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to prove their vaccination status without the need for the yellow vaccination booklet. The digital vaccine certificates are also intended to make travel easier within Europe.

This is a summary of the key information.

What are the benefits for me?

Essentially, all the benefits offered by a vaccination card or a vaccination booklet with the relevant information. For example, you may be exempt from specific testing or quarantine obligations. A digital record also means that you don't need to carry the yellow booklet or even larger vaccination books from the GDR with you.

How much will it cost me?

It is free of charge for people who have been vaccinated.

What documents do I need to provide before it is issued?

To prove you have already been vaccinated you will need your vaccination card or vaccination booklet and an official photo ID. After these documents have been checked the certificate will be issued.

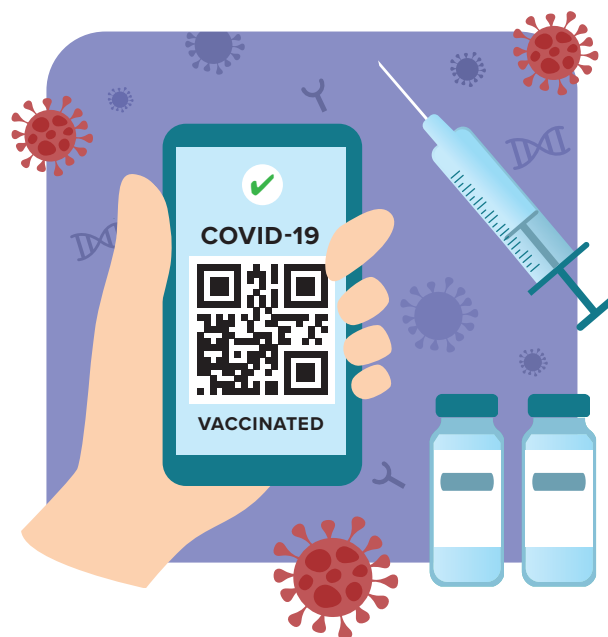### What if I don't have a yellow vaccination booklet?

The digital vaccine certificates can also be issued without the yellow vaccination booklet. Instead, clients then present the vaccine card they received at the vaccination centre or medical practice.

Is the certificate valid immediately after the second vaccination?

According to the Robert Koch Institute, vaccine protection against coronavirus is not fully effective until about 14 days after the last required vaccination.Therefore, the digital vaccine certificate is also only valid from the 15th day after the last necessary vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

How does the digital vaccine certificate work?

As well as the name and date of birth of the person, the digital vaccine certificate contains information about the date of vaccination and the type of vaccine. Pharmacies take this data from the yellow vaccination booklet and enter it into a system. The vaccine certificate is then produced in the form of a QR code. Customers scan this QR code using their smartphone and the **CovPass app** or the **Corona-Warn app** provided by the Robert Koch Institute, or have it printed out to scan later. This allows the app to store the vaccination status so it is easily accessible, for example, in a restaurant or when you travel to another country on holiday.

How is the certificate checked?

The certificate is scanned from the display using a verification app. It works in the same way as when you have a ticket checked or boarding a plane at the airport. To prevent misuse, the data may be checked against an official photo ID.

Is the yellow vaccination booklet still valid?

Yes. The digital vaccination certificate is voluntary and is available as an add-on for people who have been fully vaccinated.

Is it possible to store multiple certificates in one app?

According to the Federal Ministry of Health, digital vaccination certificates of partners and children can also be stored. In the future, it will also be possible to store evidence of having recovered from coronavirus in the apps in order to prove that you are no longer infectious. According to the documentation, the certificates can be scanned from paper into the app as often as you want. So you can also use it on several phones.

CovPass app

Corona-Warn app

How is the data stored?

The data collected will only be stored to generate the certificate and then deleted. Once the data have been recorded in the app, they are only stored there. The data are not stored centrally.

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Which countries is the digital vaccination certificate valid in?

The European Union has agreed a uniform system to show proof of vaccinations, past infections and negative corona tests. The technology required for this went online on 1 June 2021. By 12 August 2021 at the latest, every EU member state must be able to issue and verify the certificates.

An **overview of the countries** where the certificates are currently already valid can be found on the European Commission's website.

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