

Mandates and special privileges for COVID-19 vaccination

With COVID-19 vaccination underway or on the horizon in many countries, many are turning their attention to whether COVID-19 vaccination should be made mandatory, and if so, under what conditions, for whom, and in what contexts. This webinar will explore the ethics of mandatory COVID-19 vaccination both in general and in particular settings (e.g., health care settings), as well as examine the ethics of affording special privileges to those who are vaccinated, e.g., to travel and to gather in large groups.

Time: 15 March 2021 1pm-2pm GMT

To register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RfeFvOVnQ6CUtbKK8Mn7bg

Chair:

Panel: Professor Effy Vayena, Health Ethics and Policy Lab, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Sir Professor Jonathan Montgomery, UCL, UK
Dr Maya Peled-Raz, School of Public Health, University of Haifa, Israel

The following questions will form the basis of the seminar's panel discussion. Seminar attendees are invited to submit questions in advance of the seminar when they [register](#) or during the live discussion.

1. Given the current state of evidence and supply with respect to COVID-19 vaccines, do you think making vaccines mandatory is justifiable for any population or setting at the present moment? If so, which one(s) and why?
2. What, if anything, should be done to address public confidence and trust in vaccines if COVID-19 vaccines are made mandatory?
3. What should be done to ensure that special privileges for those who have been vaccinated do not create or exacerbate inequities?

Background reading

Madeleine Hoecklin, Health Policy Watch (28 February 2021) European Union moves forward with plans for vaccine passport by summer; experts concerned about practicality, safety & equity
<https://healthpolicy-watch.news/eu-moves-forward-with-plans-to-set-up-vaccine-passport-system-in-coming-months-while-experts-raise-concerns-about-practicality-safety-and-equity>

World Health Organisation (5 February 2021) Interim position paper: considerations regarding proof of COVID-19 vaccination for international travellers
<https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/interim-position-paper-considerations-regarding-proof-of-covid-19-vaccination-for-international-travellers>

Ada Lovelace Institute (17 February 2021) Rapid Expert deliberation 'What place should COVID-19 vaccine passports have in society?'
<https://www.adalovelaceinstitute.org/project/vaccine-passports-covid-status-apps/>