

Emirates to launch digital verification of passenger COVID-19 records with DHA

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Dubai: Emirates and the Dubai Health Authority (DHA) have signed an MoU which aims to position Dubai as one of the first cities in the world to implement digital verification of traveller medical records related to COVID-19 testing and vaccination.

The MoU was signed recently by Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Emirates' Chairman and Chief Executive, and Awadh Al Ketbi, Director General of Dubai Health Authority.

Sheikh Ahmed said digital verification of COVID-19 medical records will enable contactless document verification at Dubai Airport and will tremendously improve the traveller experience, as well as the reliability, efficiency and compliance with entry requirements imposed by destinations around the world.

Under the MoU, Emirates and the DHA will work to link the IT systems of DHA-approved laboratories with Emirates' reservations and check-in systems, in order to enable the efficient sharing, storing and verification of passenger health information related to COVID-19 infection, testing and vaccination, all in a secure and legally compliant manner.

The project will commence immediately, with the aim of bringing it to “live” implementation to benefit travellers in the coming months.

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