

Singapore in talks with other countries about Covid-19 vaccine certification

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Singapore: Singapore is in discussion with other countries about the mutual recognition of COVID-19 vaccine certificates, said Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on February 24. He addressed it as a necessary step towards resuming global travel.

In a recording posted on social media, Lee said there must be global cooperation so that all countries have access to the vaccine. "The world must be united in our response to COVID-19," said the Prime Minister.

"Vaccines allow us a way out of the crisis, they are now a reality. Even if each of us gears up to secure our own supplies, we must cooperate internationally so that all countries including developing ones have access to vaccines for their people," he added.

In a written parliamentary reply on February 24, Health Minister Gan Kim Yong said his ministry is engaging international counterparts and monitoring global advancements on the development and recognition of vaccination certificates.

He was responding to Member of Parliament Lim Wee Kiak, who asked if vaccination data will be shared with the World Health Organisation and other countries, and how Singapore will determine that the vaccination records provided by visitors are authentic.

Dr Lim also asked if people who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 are given certificates and if the record will be made available on the National Immunisation Registry.

Everyone who has received a COVID-19 vaccination in Singapore will get a vaccination card that includes information such as their personal particulars, vaccine brand and dates of vaccinations.

All local COVID-19 vaccination records are digitally stored in the National Immunisation Registry. People can also view their vaccination records on the Ministry of Health's (MOH) HealthHub app, accessible via SingPass, said Gan.

He said that his ministry and the Government Technology Agency (GovTech) have established a system for issuing digital COVID-19 test certificates for travellers and visitors. This system will be extended to digital vaccination certificates.