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Digital Documentation of COVID-19 Certificates

WHO upcoming specifications and guidance

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Vaccination Records are an essential tool

Continuity of Care

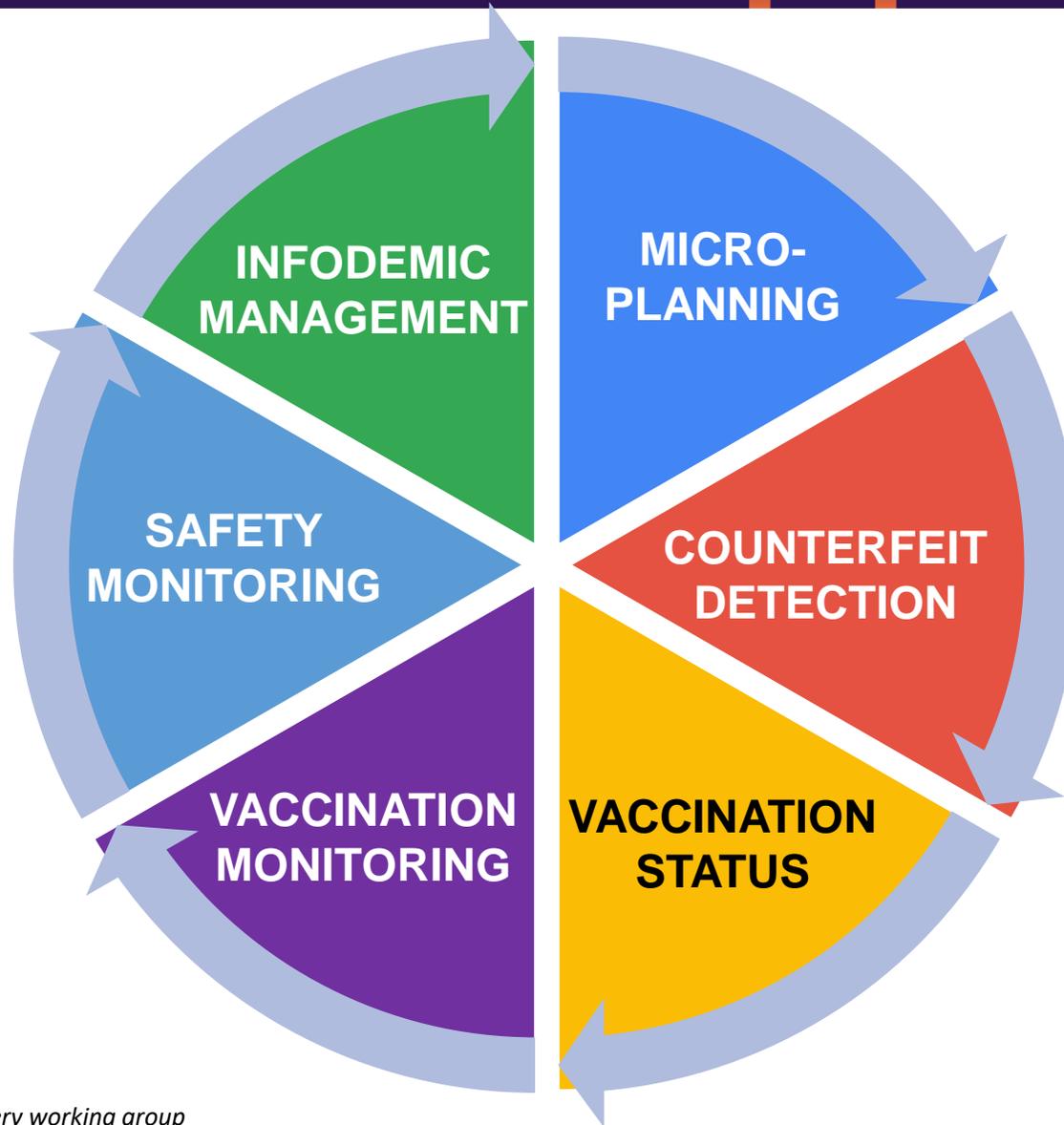
- Basis for health worker to provide a subsequent dose and/or appropriate health services
- Provides schedule information for an individual to know if another dose is needed and when the next dose is due
- Enables investigation into adverse events by health workers as per existing adverse events following immunization (AEFI) guidance (vaccine safety).

Proof of Vaccination

- Establishes vaccination status of individuals in coverage monitoring surveys
- Establishes vaccination status after a positive COVID-19 test to understand vaccine effectiveness
- For work
- For education
- For travel
 - International travel is a subset of this, and is governed by the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005



The vaccination certificate is part of a larger digital innovation ecosystem for immunizations





What was previously called the Smart Vaccination Certificate is now the Digital Documentation of COVID-19 Certificates: Vaccination Status

- A **medical document** managed by **public health authorities** of member states
- A **digital vaccination certificate** based on the existing *home-based records* guidance and the *international certification of vaccination or prophylaxis*
- Can be **purely digital** (i.e., stored on a smartphone application) **or be a complementary digital “twin”** of traditional paper records
- It only documents **vaccination events**, but is architected to evolve with the science, and needs of countries
- More specifically, **the DDCC: Vaccination Status** is a **digitally signed FHIR document** that represents the **core data set** for the relevant COVID-19 vaccination certificate using the JSON representation.

Revised expected outputs for WHO

SPECIFICATIONS & GUIDANCE DOCUMENTATION

Three specifications documents:

1. DDCC: **Vaccination Status**
2. DDCC: **SARS-CoV-2 tests**
3. DDCC: **COVID-19 recovery status**
4. High level implementation guidance for establishing **national trust frameworks** for issuing and validating trusted DDCCs

COUNTRY SUPPORT

5. **Example implementations** for a digital vaccination certificate
6. **Technical support to LMICs** at varying levels of immunization information system maturity through WHO, expert roster, and multi-agency support mechanisms
7. **Financing** to country-level implementation from COVAX mechanism

GLOBAL DIGITAL SERVICES

8. **Global vaccine product registry** to provide a canonical list of all known and coded vaccines

What will be in the guidance documents?

Requirements and specifications for technology implementers

- ❑ Business processes, workflows & use cases
- ❑ Core data elements mapped to standard terminology code sets (including an annexed spreadsheet)
- ❑ Functional and non-functional requirements
- ❑ Overview of signing a digital certificate with PKI
- ❑ HL7 FHIR Implementation Guide (linked website) detailing relevant standards for consistent representation and interoperability

Implementation considerations

- ❑ Data protection principles
- ❑ Ethical considerations
- ❑ National governance considerations

Assumptions for WHO

1. WHO will recommend the **minimum dataset, interoperability standards, core functionalities, and implementation guidance**
2. WHO will have an **example implementation** based on guidance

Assumptions for member states

1. Member states will choose the **modalit(ies)** they want to implement the COVID-19 vaccine certificate (e.g. paper, smart phone application, etc.)
2. There can be multiple point of service solutions based on **what member states want** to implement
3. Member states will be responsible for implementing the necessary **policies to support** the issuance and verification workflow
4. Member states will determine **which trust frameworks** they want to use for validation of COVID-19 certificates & establish bilateral or regional agreements that outline the governance process for establishing trust accordingly
5. Member states will **determine the mechanism for unique identification** (e.g. health ID, national ID number, passport number, etc.)

THANK YOU!