Vaccine certificates

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1. Vaccine certificates should be based on the principle of informed consent, as outlined in the Belmont Report, to respect the autonomy of each individual. Individuals should be provided with clear, comprehensive information about the benefits, risks, and alternatives to vaccination. Consent should be obtained in writing and should be voluntary, and individuals should have the right to refuse vaccination.

2. Vaccine certificates should be accessible to all individuals, regardless of their ability to pay. They should be issued by credible, independent organizations that have the capacity to verify vaccination status accurately and efficiently. The format of vaccine certificates should be standardized to facilitate ease of verification and interoperability.

3. Vaccine certificates should be used for legitimate purposes only, such as entry into work sites, schools, or public events. They should not be used for non-essential purposes, such as travel or housing.

4. Vaccine certificates should be accompanied by clear, accurate information about the vaccine, including its efficacy, safety, and potential side effects. Individuals should have access to this information in their native language.

5. Vaccine certificates should be stored securely and confidentially. Access to the information should be limited to authorized personnel.

6. Vaccine certificates should be updated regularly to reflect changes in the vaccine schedule and to accommodate new vaccines.

7. Vaccine certificates should be relevant to the healthcare needs of the population. They should be developed in collaboration with public health officials, healthcare providers, and advocates for health equity.

8. Vaccine certificates should be reviewed and revised periodically to ensure their continued relevance and effectiveness.

9. Vaccine certificates should be accessible to individuals with disabilities, including individuals with sensory, cognitive, or physical impairments.

10. Vaccine certificates should be issued in a manner that respects the privacy of the individual, while ensuring that the information is accurate and up-to-date.

Vaccine certificates should be used to promote public health and safety, while respecting the rights and dignity of all individuals.