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UN Medical Directors Statement Covid-19 Vaccination requirements for Duty Travel

There is currently no overall UN administrative requirement for vaccination for travel. Every travel clearance is done based on a risk assessment taking into account the health of the traveler, the travel itself, the actual work to be done on arrival and its criticality, the healthcare and epidemiological situation at the destination, in addition to any requirement set by the destination countries.

With regard to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting all countries in the world, UNMD is advising UN medical services that given that vaccination is safe and effective in preventing serious illness, medical clearance would in almost all cases require vaccination, except from a confirmed lack of access to a vaccine in some locations, or proven medical contra-indication.

Each medical service would have to determine if a particular traveler need not be vaccinated based on individual circumstances, although UNMD is of the opinion that there are very few circumstances where the risk of traveling without vaccination would be considered reasonable.