

International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM)/COVID-19 Task Force Position Statement on ISTM Member Participation in COVID-19 Vaccination Programs

The International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) is proud of the active role its members around the world are providing in public health, patient care, research and education during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we approach the critical phase of global vaccination against SARS-CoV-2, ISTM members can offer valuable support to regional and national vaccination campaigns for both the general population and travelers.

ISTM members are a global multidisciplinary community of practitioners from a wide variety of settings such as private, university, government and non-governmental organizations, including those in resource limited countries. The Society issues the respected Certificate in Travel Health™ credential, which is a rigorous assessment of competency in all domains of travel medicine practice, including vaccination. CTH® holders have demonstrated knowledge in all aspects of the vaccination process, including cold chain; storage and handling of national and WHO-approved vaccines; scheduling; the safe administration of primary and booster doses to all age groups; documentation; management of vaccine reactions and reporting of vaccine-associated adverse events. Additionally, members working in licensed Yellow Fever Vaccination Centers document in the International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP) following strict adherence to the International Health Regulations. The ISTM maintains a publicly accessible [Global Travel Clinic Directory](#) representing member clinics in over 90 countries.

Our members have valuable experience in addressing vaccine hesitancy and informed decision making. Where demonstration of immunity to vaccines is required, ISTM members are very familiar with serologic testing and documentation. With the deep experience and knowledge available within the ISTM community, the participation of ISTM members in national and regional vaccination campaigns will add an essential resource and contribute to the success of current and future global COVID-19 vaccination efforts. For inquiries related to this statement and the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) please contact: [Jodi Metzgar, Acting Executive Director](#).