



ICAO Air Services Negotiation Event (ICAN) 2021

Workshop: *Restoring Air Connectivity during COVID-19*



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Context of the current pandemic

- Drastic reduction in traffic with substantial impact on industry financials
- Slow recovery in passenger traffic, especially international traffic
- Resilience in freight traffic benefiting from the less impacted consumer consumption and trade

Leading up to the ICAO HLCC

- Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART)
- CART Report Phase I - "Building resilience"
- Planned for 2021: High-level Safety Conference, High-Level Facilitation Conference

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COUNCIL AVIATION RECOVERY TASK FORCE

REPORT



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ICAO'S HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON COVID-19



- 12 to 22 October 2021
- Fully virtual
- 1, 786 representatives
- 129 States
- 38 International Organizations

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Main Outcomes of the ICAO HLCC

- international review of pandemic priorities
- new commitments to open borders through updated risk management and vaccination approaches
- build back better to address the elimination of emissions and future pandemic resilience



Strong political “message” to international communities

Ministerial Declaration



Key commitments:

- Support a multilayer risk management strategy for international civil aviation, which is adaptable, proportionate, non-discriminatory and guided by scientific evidence
- Facilitate air transportation of vaccines, essential medical supplies and personnel
- Provide support for the aviation sector, including economic and financial support
- Ensure operational readiness of aviation personnel as well as airworthiness of aircraft
- Ensure the interoperability and mutual recognition of, and accessibility to, digital applications



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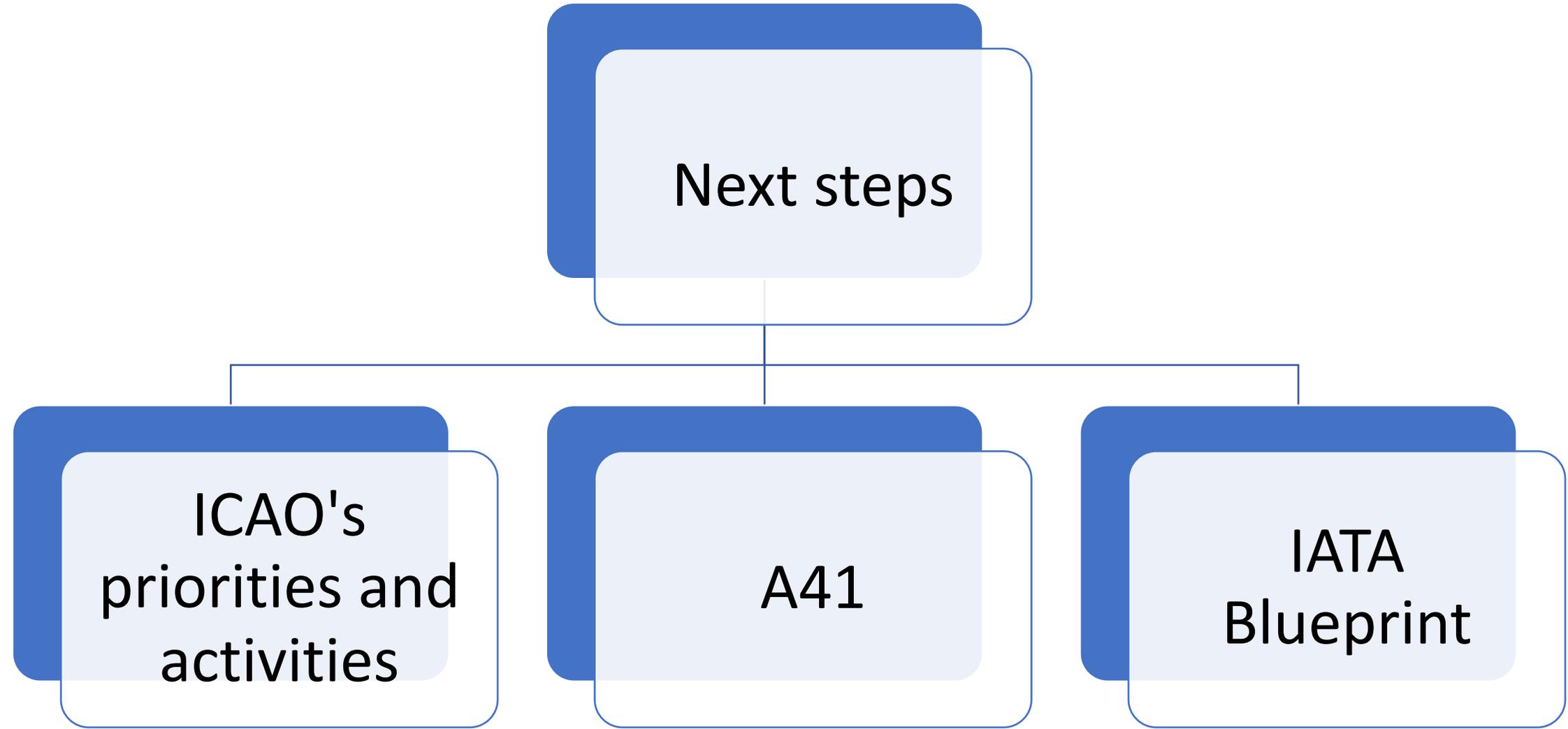
Ministerial Declaration



Key commitments (continued):

- Promote a harmonized and inclusive approach to facilitate safe international air travel
- Establish bilateral, regional or multilateral Public Health Corridors or similar arrangements
- Support ICAO’s work to provide guidance on an exit strategy from existing risk management measures
- Support long-term resilience of international aviation by enhancing its crisis response capability
- Recognize the contribution of aviation to climate change and the challenges
- Develop mechanisms for providing assistance to States to overcome the pandemic

Next steps





Thank you!



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International Air Travel during COVID-19: From Restart to Recovery

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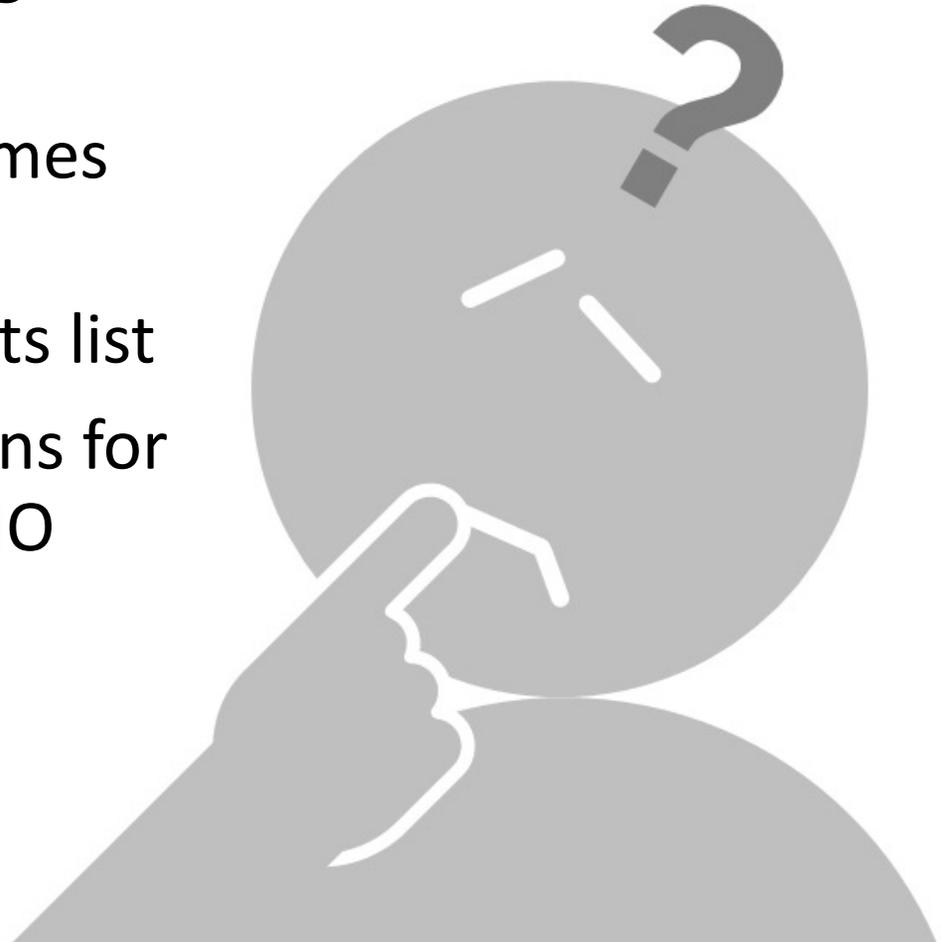
Outline

- Consumer Feedback
- From Restart to Recovery:
 - Simple, consistent health protocols
 - Standardised health credentials
 - Contact tracing
 - Digital identity management
 - Communication

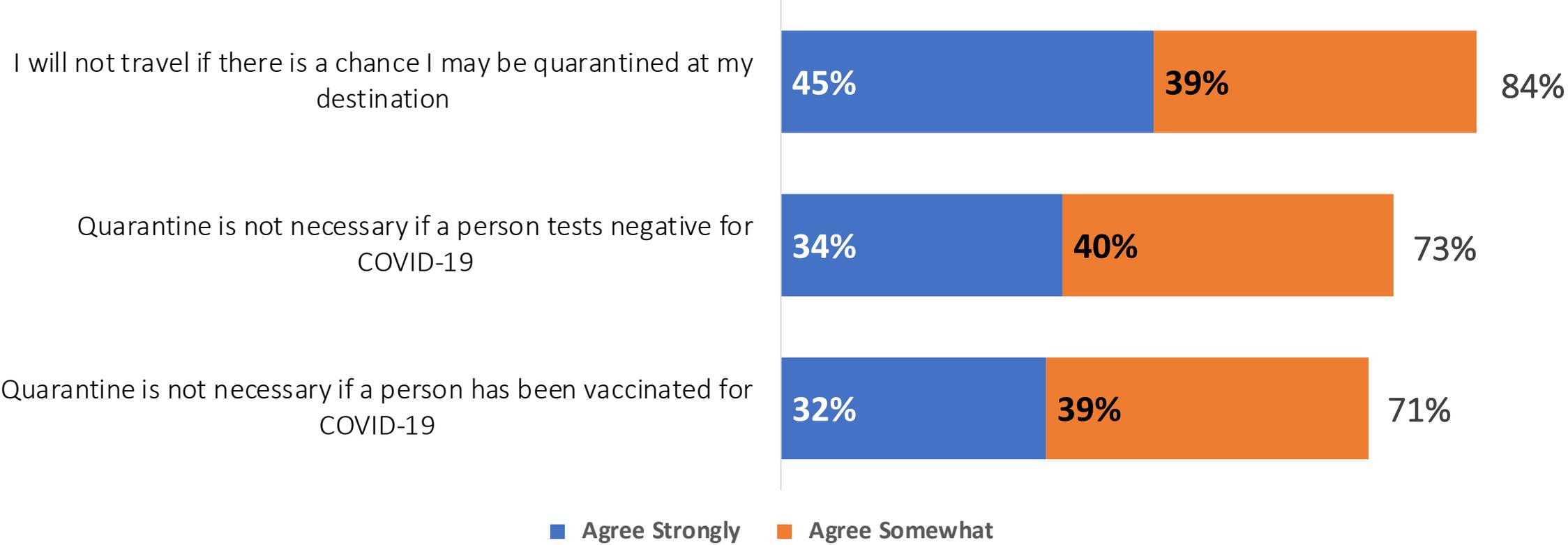
Travelers are confused by travel measures

Complexity of requirements and lack of consistency undermine confidence

- Consumers and airlines must navigate:
- At least **10 ways** of defining the testing window prior to travel
- **6 definitions** for when a vaccine becomes effective
- **24 versions** of country-risk assessments list
- **Only half** of states that allow exceptions for vaccinated travelers recognize the WHO Emergency Use List of vaccines



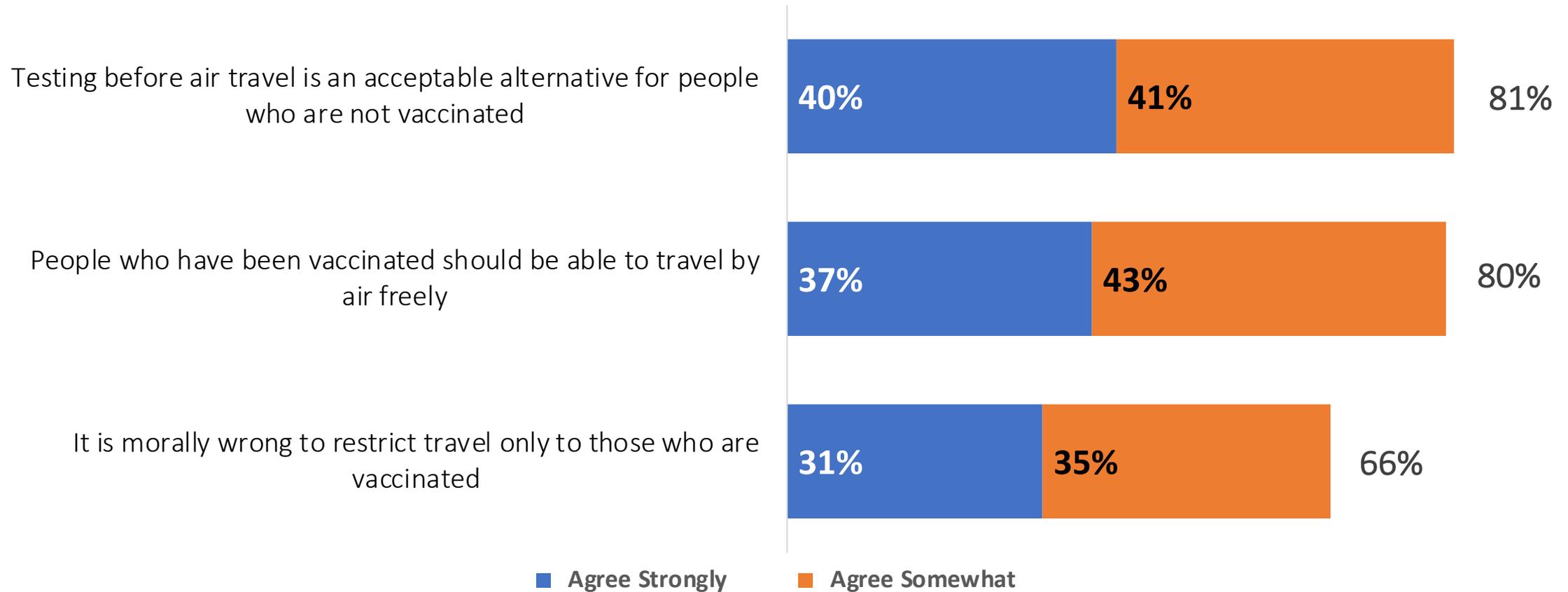
Quarantine: unnecessary showstopper if vaccinated



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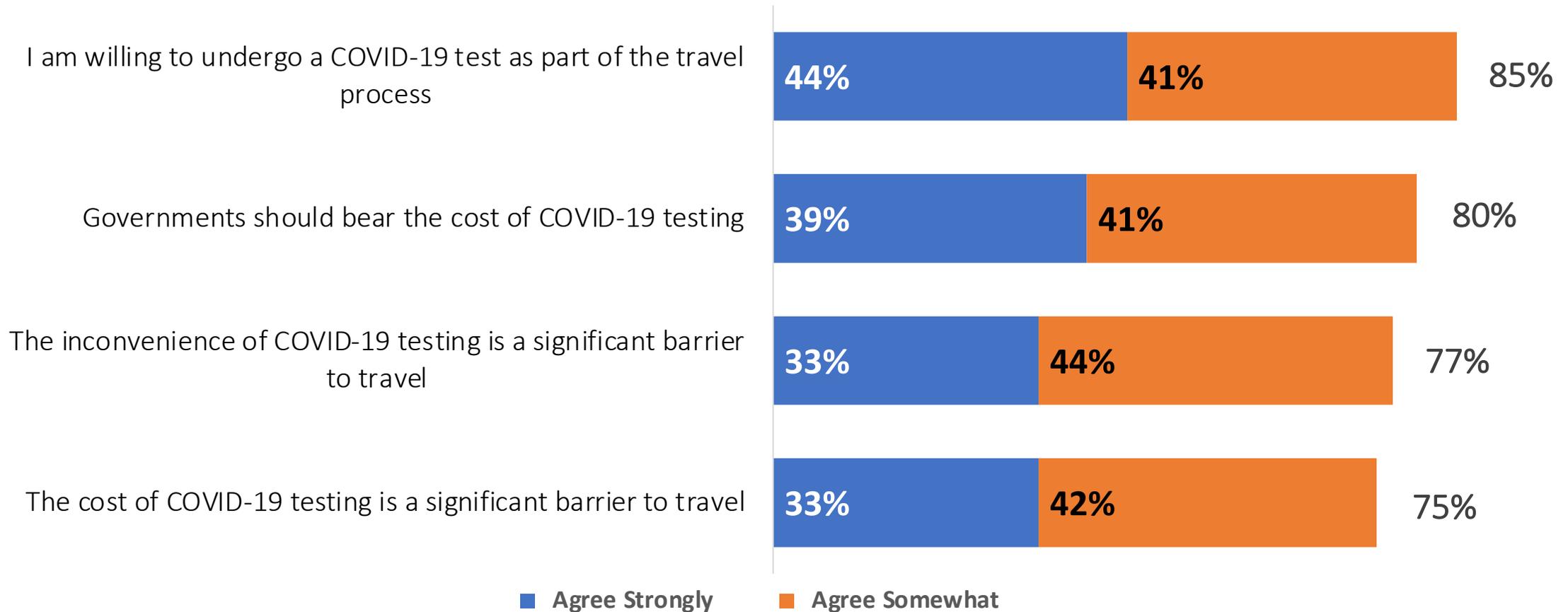
Vaccination: key to travel, but need alternative paths



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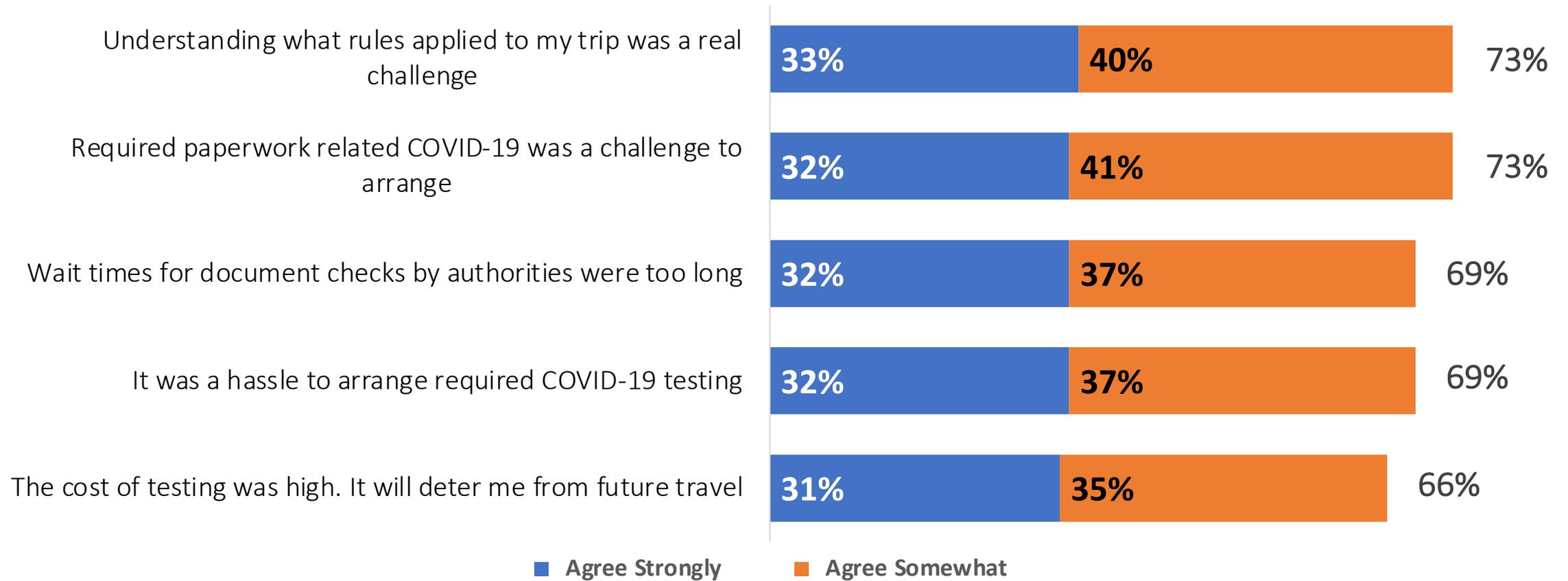
Testing: willingness but need to solve inconveniences



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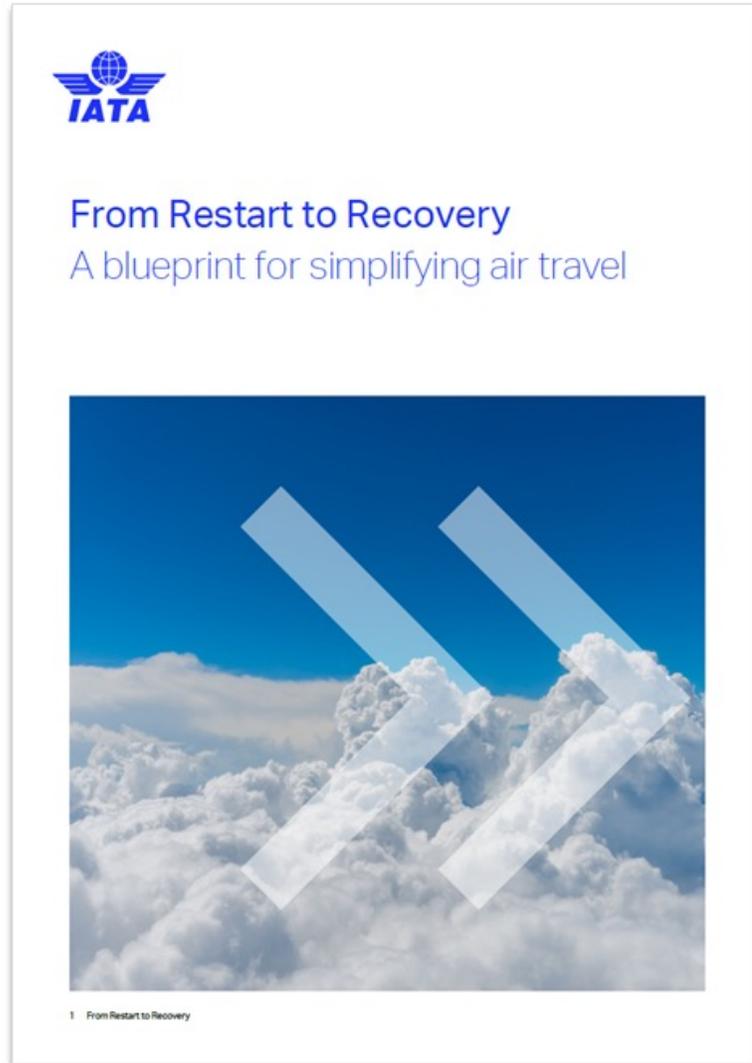
Q19. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about COVID-19 testing as part of the travel process – do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?

Feedback: significant inconveniences remain



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[IF YES IN Q2] Q3. When thinking about your most recent airplane trip, do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with each of the following statements?

A practical and pragmatic way forward



- Industry stands ready to work to work with governments
- Blueprint is a practical and pragmatic way to help States to deliver on the HLCC Ministerial Declaration
- **Goal:** simplified and better communication of requirements for consumers while protecting public health

Facilitate international travel for vaccinated passengers

Vaccines are the single best protection against COVID-19

1 Make vaccines available to all



Promote global vaccine equity

2 Fully vaccinated travelers should face no additional barriers



Consider travelers as fully vaccinated 14 days after their final dose



Accept all WHO EUL vaccines

3 Use testing for non-vaccinated passengers



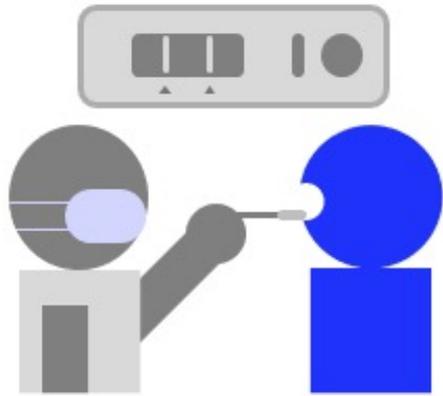
Minors
Previously infected
Medical exemptions

Apply a consistent set of exemptions

Use testing to allow travel for non-vaccinated passengers

Testing protocols should be simple, convenient and affordable

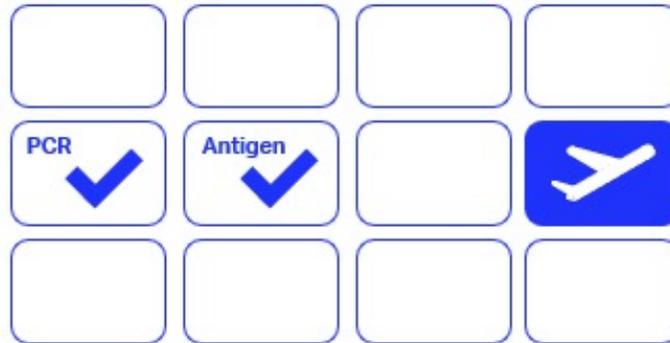
1 Promote the use of antigen tests



Antigen is as effective as PCR in detecting the Delta variant

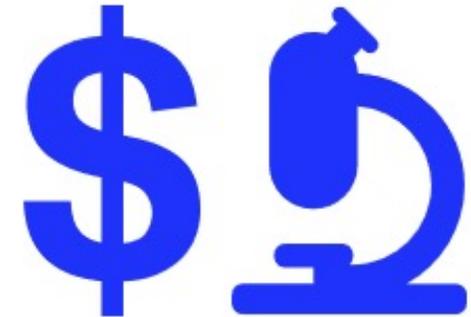
2 Test prior to the first point of departure

Pre-departure: Antigen < 48 hrs.; PCR < 72 hrs.



Test as close to travel as practical

3 Governments should pay the cost of testing



States should follow Article 40 of the IHR

Health status credentials

- Being able to **verify** that a person has been *vaccinated*, *tested* or has *recovered* from COVID-19 in accordance with the entry requirements to that country is key to facilitating travel



Health status credentials: Key principles

- **Interoperability:** A solution to prove health status needs to be interoperable, scalable, affordable and simple to implement, as well as being consistent with international guidance and standards.
- **Protection of privacy:** Solutions should address the risks of proliferation of personal medical data and adequately protect traveller privacy. Solutions should not rely on airlines collecting or storing health or travel history information.
- **Pre-travel processing:** Any declaration should be done in advance of travel to avoid burdensome processes, queues and congestion at airports.

Health credentials good practice: EU DCC

- The European Digital COVID Certificate (DCC) is in use in all 27 European Union Member States with credentials in 20+ non-EU countries having achieved equivalence.



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**In line with WHO
Guidance**

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**A tried and
tested solution**

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**Fast becoming the
global standard**

Contact tracing

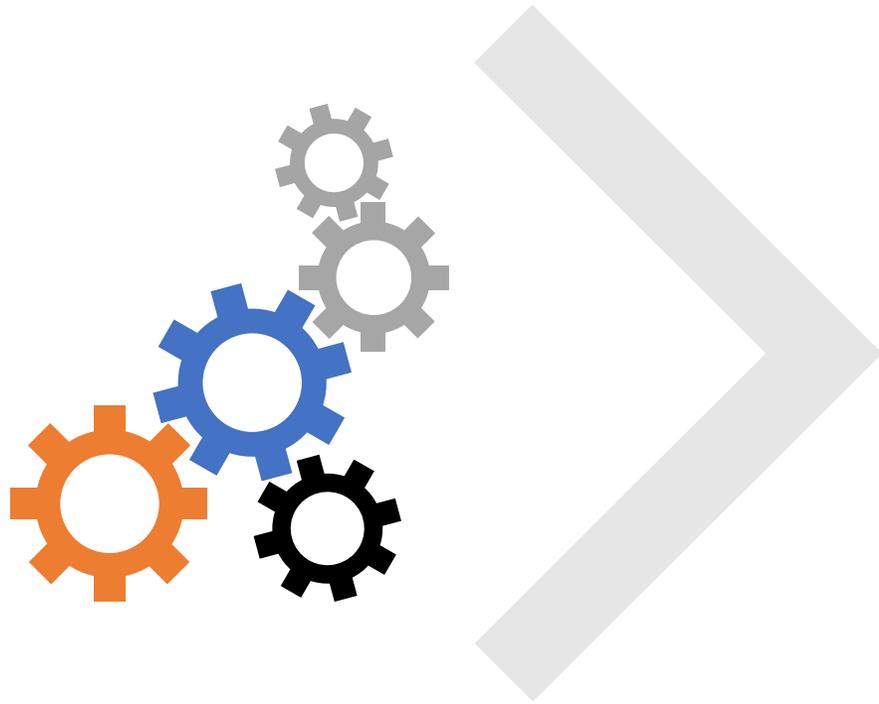
- The process should be **digital** with paper solutions avoided
- Online portals or applications will **simplify** the process for the passenger as well as enabling pre-departure authorization to travel
- Airlines **should not** be intermediaries in acting as health information broker on behalf of government authorities
- Government authorities **must be** the decision taker on the admissibility of the passenger



Contact tracing good practice: Australia DPD

- The Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) Platform being launched in Australia will enable passengers to upload and submit prior to departure:
 - Their 'digital' passport
 - Proof of vaccination and pre-departure negative test result
 - Other identity, contact and health-related information
- The information submitted will be reviewed by the authority and passengers will be given confirmation once all the requirements are met.
 - Airlines will be **automatically notified** through the interactive advance passenger information system (iAPI)
 - Will enable a **fully automated check-in** process
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Decentralized identity management putting passengers in control of their own data



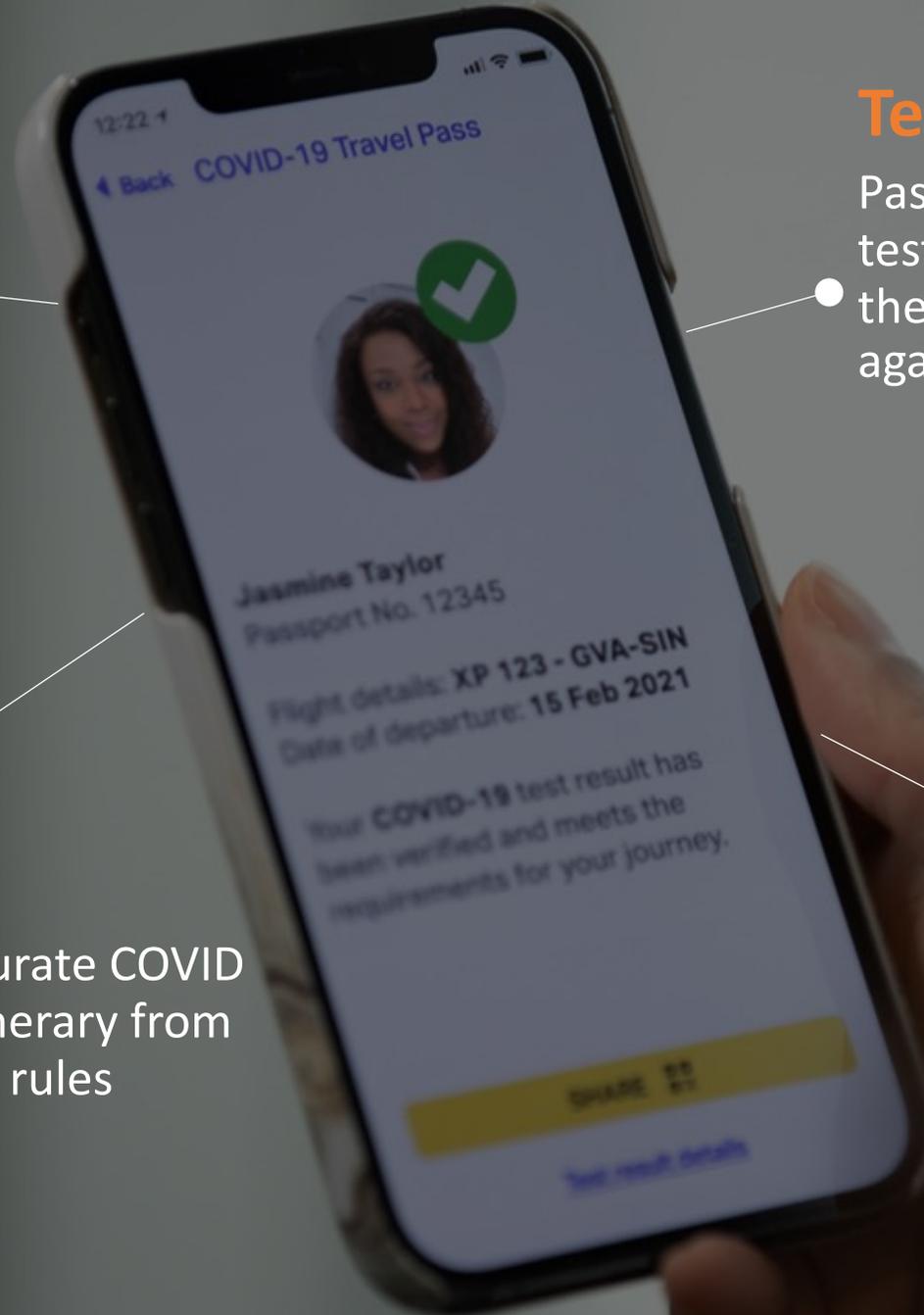
- A **direct, secure** and **encrypted** channel of communication
- Allowing data **minimization**, selective disclosures and zero knowledge proofs
- From passenger's phone **direct** to the government, airline or airport
- Protecting exposure of **personal** and **sensitive** identity, health and biometric data by removing the airline as the 'middleman'

Digital Passport

Passenger creates **verified** digital identity based on ICAO DTC and IATA One ID

COVID Regulations

Passenger receives accurate COVID regulations for their itinerary from **trusted** source (Timatic rules engine)



Test/Vaccinations

Passengers receives or uploads test/proof of vaccination bound to their identity which are **measured** against country requirements

Sharing

Passengers can **securely** share their identity, biometric and test/vaccine results with airlines & border control prior to travel



Communication good practices: Simple questions / clear responses



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Federal Office of Public Health FOPH

Travelcheck

Summary

Please review your answers

Would you like information on entering Switzerland or another country?

Entering Switzerland (incl. transit)

Which of the following statements apply to you?

a residence permit L / B / C / Ci

Please specify all the countries in which you spent time in the ten days before entering Switzerland. (multiple selection possible)

Canada

Which of the following statements apply to you?

I have been **fully** vaccinated against COVID-19.

You have stated that you have been **fully** vaccinated against COVID-19. Which vaccine were you vaccinated with?

Moderna (mRNA-1273 / Spikevax / COVID-19 vaccine Moderna)

Does one of the following statements apply to you?

None of the above exemptions

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Travelcheck



You can enter Switzerland under certain conditions.

Pandemic-related measures

- You need to fill in an entry form before you cross the border. ([entry form](#))

You are exempt from the test requirement.

False declarations regarding vaccination or recovery status and failure to comply with the testing and reporting obligation may result in consequences under criminal law. A missing entry form as well as false information can be punished with a fine of CHF 100.

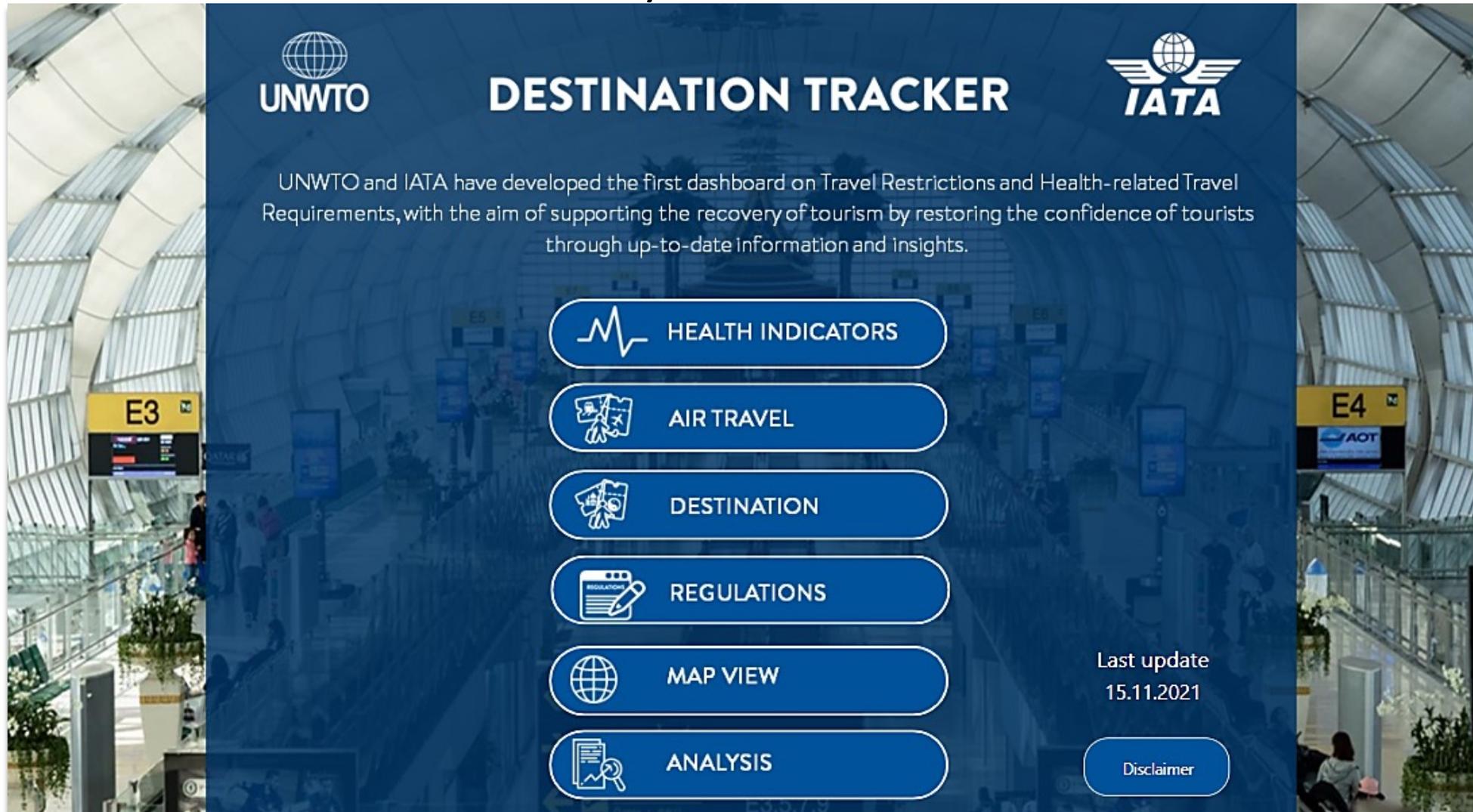
Please continue to follow the usual hygiene measures, such as keeping your distance, washing your hands and wearing a face covering in places where it is mandatory. ([read more](#))

If you do not have a Swiss Covid certificate or «EU Digital COVID Certificate», you can apply for a Swiss Covid certificate. For more information, see the [Covid Certificate page](#).

Travel information

- Your entry to the country is subject to the [general entry requirements](#) (e.g. travel document and [visa](#)). You may be accompanied by your children of minor age. If you are reliant on support, a carer may accompany you. These people are likewise subject to the [general entry requirements](#).
- If you do not require a visa for your entry, the airline may require a certificate from the Swiss diplomatic mission abroad. Please check this with the airline.

Communication good practices: Clear information easily accessed



The image shows a digital dashboard titled "DESTINATION TRACKER" by UNWTO and IATA. The dashboard is overlaid on a background image of an airport terminal with a curved glass roof. The dashboard features a central menu with six blue buttons, each with an icon and text: "HEALTH INDICATORS" (heart rate icon), "AIR TRAVEL" (airplane icon), "DESTINATION" (map icon), "REGULATIONS" (document icon), "MAP VIEW" (globe icon), and "ANALYSIS" (chart icon). In the bottom right corner, it displays "Last update 15.11.2021" and a "Disclaimer" button. The UNWTO and IATA logos are at the top. The background image includes yellow signs for "E3" and "E4" and an "AOT" sign.

UNWTO **DESTINATION TRACKER** **IATA**

UNWTO and IATA have developed the first dashboard on Travel Restrictions and Health-related Travel Requirements, with the aim of supporting the recovery of tourism by restoring the confidence of tourists through up-to-date information and insights.

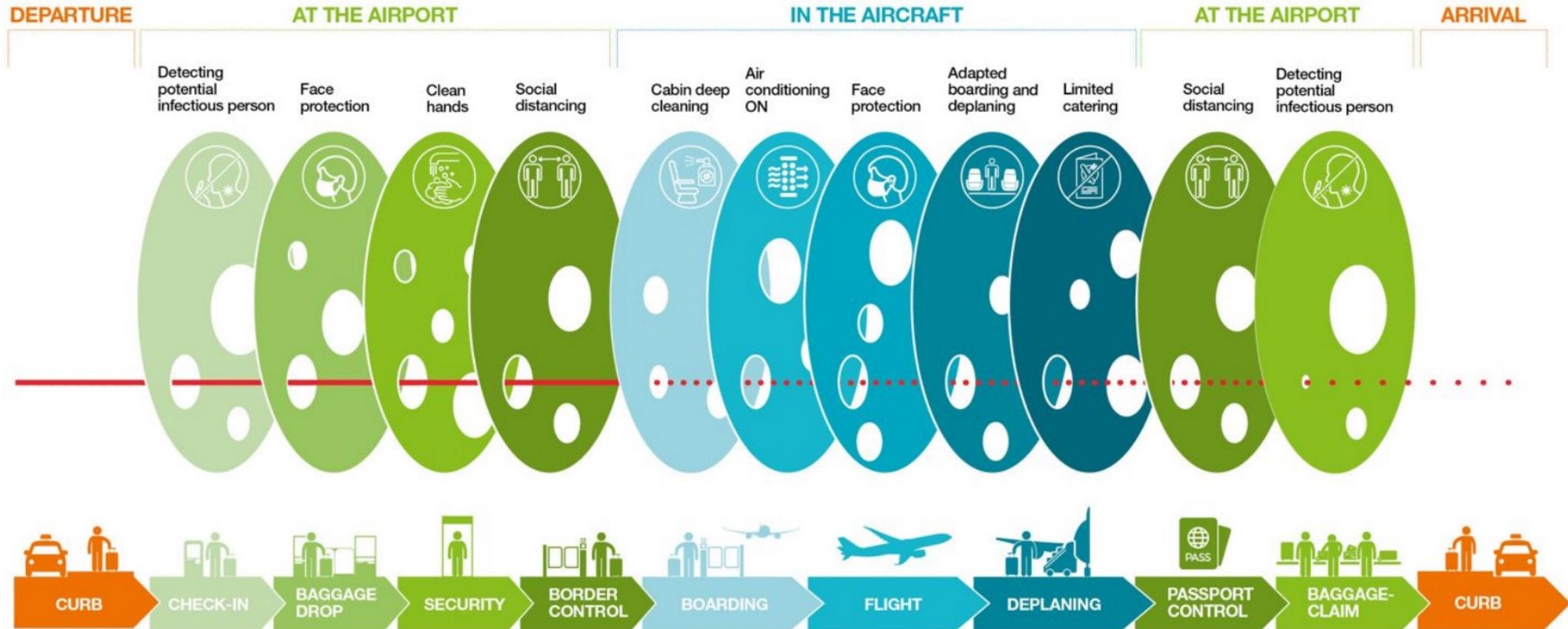
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Disclaimer

Review measures regularly and apply sunset clauses

Protocols should be removed as soon as no longer justified



Source: Mackay, Ian M. (2020) The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Virus Defence. figshare. Figure. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.13082618.v22>

Questions and answers

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