

# **ICAO-WHO collaboration in public health emergencies**

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# ICAO-WHO collaboration

- Legal basis for collaboration between ICAO and WHO
- Collaboration in practice during the COVID-19 pandemic
- The new global architecture for public health emergencies, and the role of civil aviation and ICAO

## Legal basis for ICAO-WHO collaboration

- WHO Constitution (Article 2)
- International Health Regulations of 2005 (including Annex 9 on facilitation of the Chicago Convention).
- ICAO-WHO Memorandum of Understanding establishing a framework of cooperation (2022)

## ICAO-WHO collaboration on COVID-19

- Advocacy for the application, adjustment and lifting of travel measures to be risk-based and evidence-informed
- IHR Emergency Committee on COVID-19
- Global technical guidance
  - Joint Statement on COVID19 public health measures on aviation, 11 March 2020
  - Joint Statement on prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination for seafarers and aircrew, 25 March 2021

## ICAO-WHO collaboration on COVID-19

- ICAO input to WHO guidance
  - Updated WHO recommendations for international traffic in relation to COVID-19, February 2020
  - WHO guidance document, Policy Considerations for Implementing a Risk-Based Approach to International Travel in the Context of COVID-19, July 2021.
- WHO input to ICAO documents
  - ICAO Manual on COVID-19 Cross-border Risk Management
  - CART COVID-19 Take-off guidance

## ICAO-WHO collaboration on COVID-19

- Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA)
- Digital health and innovation
  - WHO Technical Consultation on Interoperable Digital Health Trust Networks (April 2022)
  - WHO Technical Consultation on Digitizing Trusted Personal Health Records (January 2023).

## New global health architecture for emergency response

- Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, tasked with drafting a Pandemic Accord
- Intergovernmental Working Group to consider targeted amendments to the IHR
- Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Universal Health Periodic Review
- Director-General's ten proposals to strengthen the global health architecture for health emergency preparedness, response, and resilience
  - including a Global Health Emergency Council

Implications for civil aviation and ICAO