



## Vaccination: Singapore's Experience

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# Reviving Air Travel with Vaccination

- COVID-19 decimated air travel; vaccination gives hope to recovery
- Vaccination can help revive air travel in two ways:
  - Further protect population; gives own public health authority confidence to relax testing, especially quarantine, reopen borders
  - Lower incidence rate in own country; gives other countries confidence to relax measures and reopen borders to us
- Singapore started its vaccination programme on 8 January 2021; targets to vaccinate whole population by end of the year

# What CAAS has done

- Worked with public health authority to include all frontline aviation workers in Phase 1 of vaccination programme, alongside healthcare workers
- Secured health authority's agreement to reduce testing requirements for aviation workers after they are vaccinated
- Aim to complete all frontline aviation workers in 2 months



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# What CAAS has done

- Obtained public health authority to set up dedicated vaccination centre at Changi Airport Terminal Four
- Issued guidance to Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holders and ANSP, for example aircrew and ATCOs not to undertake flight duties or safety-related duties for a period of 48h after each dose
- Worked with stakeholders, unions to encourage take-up and roster



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# Some key challenges

- Addressing concerns
  - Working through aviation companies and unions
  - Holding town halls and producing educational videos
  - Getting medical experts to address queries
- Scheduling and rostering
  - Need to sustain pipeline each day at vaccination centre so that vaccines are not wasted
  - Allocating slots to companies and getting them to schedule taking into account operational requirements



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# What we can work on together

- Certification to facilitate travel
  - Recognition of different vaccines and delivery protocols
  - Documentation, verification, digitalization
  - Agreed set of standards and data formats
- Travel policy for vaccinated persons
  - Scientific evidence of benefits of vaccination will become clearer
  - Scope to review and relax testing and quarantine requirements for vaccinated persons
  - Scope to review border control measures taking into account vaccination rate and reduced rate of COVID-19 incidence



Thank You