

in February, through a new app called Green Pass. Green Pass allows residents of Israel to show proof of a COVID vaccination via a QR code. These individuals are allowed to access certain public places, such as theatres or concerts, whereas the unvaccinated population is not.

Last month, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressed his reluctance to introduce such a system in Canada, citing equity issues.

"The idea of certificates of vaccination for domestic use — to decide who can go to a concert, or who can go to a particular restaurant or engage in certain activities — does bring in questions of equity," he said.

A COVID vaccine passport for international travel, however, is not off the table.

Trudeau added that internationally, proof-of-vaccination documents are not a new phenomenon. There have been vaccination certificates mandatory in [certain countries](#) for years to protect against diseases like yellow fever and malaria.

Federal Health Minister Patty Hajdu recently met with health ministers from the G7 to discuss a potential proof-of-vaccine document for travelling, [iPolitics reported](#).

"The G7 partners agreed that there needs to be some consistency and some collaboration among the countries, so we have some kind of system that would be recognizable, no matter where a person was travelling," Hajdu told iPolitics.

When it comes to the legal and ethical implications of implementing a vaccine passport system, Colleen Flood, a professor of law at University of Ottawa, said many factors must be taken into consideration.

"(People's) rights in Canada are not a trump card," Flood said. "You have a right to mobility under Section 6, particularly within Canada, but those rights are attenuated when your right to travel is actually risking other people."