

# WHO to expand on European Union digital COVID-19 certification system

June 5 (UPI) — The World Health Organization said on Monday it will expand on the European Union's digital COVID-19 certification system for use globally which will facilitate mobility across a range of ongoing health threats and pandemics.

The WHO said the European model will be the first building block in creating the WHO Global Digital Health Certification Network.

The partnership will include close collaboration with the European Commission on the development, management and implementation of the WHO system. Officials said they hope the collaboration will lead to a wider range of digital tools that will help deliver better healthcare results around the world.

"Building on the EU's highly successful digital certification network, WHO aims to offer all WHO member states access to an open-source digital health tool, which is based on the principles of equity, innovation, transparency and data protection and privacy," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the WHO's director-general said in a statement.

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