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Hungary

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As from 7 March 2022, the Hungarian government has repealed most of the requirements, obligations and benefits relating to COVID-19 vaccination. Immunity certification is no longer required in day-to-day relations, such as at cultural, music or sports events etc. (save for the exceptions set out below). Mandatory use of face coverings is no longer obligatory, except for residential social care and healthcare institutions.

i. Vaccination

Vaccination is still encouraged in Hungary. Children aged above five years of age are eligible for vaccines. Children aged between five and 18 can receive two doses of vaccines, and adults up to four doses of COVID-19 vaccines. A booster may be requested four months after the second or first dose (in case of a single dose) of the vaccine. It is also possible for everyone after four months from their initial booster vaccination to request a second booster. Hungary has approved a wider range of vaccines including EMA and/or WHO approved vaccines as well. In addition to the generally approved COVID-19 vaccines like Janssen, Comirnaty (Pfizer), Spikevax (previously Moderna) or AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Sinopharm vaccines and Sputnik-V are also approved in Hungary.

ii. Travelling

From 7 March 2022, no restrictions are in effect in connection with traveling into Hungary from abroad. This means that neither a PCR test, nor an immunity certificate of any kind are required upon entering the country.

iii. Employment

As a general rule, there is no mandatory vaccination in Hungary set forth for employees. However, there are specific groups of employees in strategic positions who must be vaccinated. These include healthcare workers of all kinds, members of the Hungarian Armed Forces and employees of residential social care institutions. These employees must be fully vaccinated, save for healthcare workers. For them, a booster vaccine is also required within 180 days as from the last dose. Employees who do not meet these criteria must be sent on unpaid leave for an indefinite term and their employment can be terminated.

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