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In this issue, we share with you discussions on the notion of “vaccine passports” and current post-pandemic trends for the workplace. We hope you find these discussions insightful.

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Vaccine Passports

1. Covid-19 Vaccine Passports Could Help Life Return to Normal, but Experts Urge Caution

(The Wall Street Journal, Dec 8, 2020)

Requirement to prove immunity raises practical and ethical issues: Should vaccinated people have greater freedom? As the West’s first authorized Covid-19 shots were administered in the U.K., an old ethical question in public health is gaining new relevance: Is there a case for issuing proof of immunity to people who have been inoculated? (Full report requires a WSJ login, [access instructions](#).)

2. What You Need to Know About Vaccine Passports

(The Washington Post, Dec 30, 2020)

With several coronavirus vaccines now in circulation, travelers can’t stop talking about the Yellow Card. The Yellow Card, or Carte Jaune, is a medical passport issued by the World Health Organization. It’s an official record that some countries require for entrance, and it can document vaccination against diseases ranging from cholera and yellow fever to such childhood illnesses as rubella. Will there soon be a similar card for covid-19? (Full report requires a Factiva login, [access instructions](#).)

3. May I See Your Vaccine Passport?

(Newsroom, Jan 29, 2021)

The function of a vaccine passport in reopening New Zealand depends on the policy settings around vaccination and the border. “May I see your vaccine passport?” That question may soon be asked at New Zealand’s borders as the country steadily reopens to overseas travellers who have been vaccinated against Covid-19.

Post-Pandemic Workplace

[1. The Ticking Time Bomb Inside the New World of Work](#)

(Financial Times, Feb 14, 2021)

Employers may avoid lawsuits by laying down rules about when we need to be in the office. (SSO, no login required)

[2. The Future of Work and the New Workplace: How to Make Work Better](#)

(Forbes, Feb 7, 2021)

People want to come back to the office--but not the office they left. They want to come back to something better--and this is what they will need.

Post-Pandemic Trends

[1. Five Lasting Changes to Expect in the Workplace Post-Covid](#)

(Forbes, Feb 1, 2021)

The other morning I was looking for the email address of an old friend. I found a correspondence from early February. Reading this back-and-forth, I was struck by how different the world of work seemed just last year.

[2. Making Remote Work Sustainable for 2021 and Beyond](#)

(Forbes, Jan 21, 2021)

Now, almost a year after being begrudgingly forced to evacuate our offices, the thought of going back to a daily commute and dismal cubicle is tough to stomach. In fact, recent surveys are revealing that nearly 70% of U.S. workers are requesting to continue working remotely after the pandemic is over.

[3. Nine Trends That Will Shape Work in 2021 and Beyond](#)

(Harvard Business Review, Jan 13, 2021)

As we move into 2021, the rate of disruption will potentially accelerate as the implications from 2020 play out across the next several years. Here are nine predictions from the chief of research for Gartner's HR practice.

[4. Will We Still Commute After the Epidemic?](#)

(Reuters, Jan 5, 2021)

In the advanced economies, the coronavirus epidemic is likely to accelerate long-term structural changes in the location of work and accommodation and the transport systems that link them.

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