



Monitoring rights during the pandemic
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COVID-19-RELATED ADVOCACY WORK

This week, ICCL appeared on the Six One News voicing our serious concerns about the mandatory quarantine system - in particular the need for inspections. We also provided comment on the EU wide digital green travel certificate – the vaccine passport. ICCL spoke to Newstalk and KCLR on the need for further details from the EU in order to appreciate how issues of privacy and discrimination will be avoided. We pointed out that this could also slow down the vaccine rollout and have long term consequences.

- **Vaccine Passports**

ICCL's Liam Herrick spoke to [Newstalk](#), stating that States may require certificates of immunity in some circumstances but we need to know the EU details, we need to know how issues of privacy and discrimination will be avoided. Certificates within the state is a concept that is wholly unacceptable. We must also consider that this could slow down the vaccine rollout and also have long term consequences.

[Digital Green Certificates & EU-Wide Travel | Newstalk](#)

Newstalk also reported on Liam Herrick's [interview](#) to Newstalk Breakfast with Susan Keogh.

[EU travel certificates could be 'problematic' if people cannot access vaccines - ICCL | Newstalk](#)

Liam Herrick further spoke to [KCLR](#) to restate that the EU wide digital green travel certificate could be problematic because of the slow vaccine rollout and transmission worries.

[Irish Council for Civil Liberties says 'Digital Green Travel Certificates' could become problematic \(kclr96fm.com\)](#)

- **Mandatory hotel quarantine**

ICCL's Liam Herrick spoke to RTE's Six One News, stating that there needs to be [clear minimum standards, robust inspections of the system and a complaints mechanism](#) for people with issues.

[Six One News \(Web\) \(rte.ie\)](#)

ICCL also spoke to [Fergal Bowlers](#), where we provided a statement saying the Government should publish details of the medical risk assessments particularly mental health assessments for people in the mandatory quarantine hotels.

[Beware pitfalls of our new mandatory hotel quarantine \(rte.ie\)](#)