Today, the Trust Over IP (ToIP) Foundation announced its Steering Committee approved the Good Health Pass (GHP) Interoperability Blueprint Draft V1.0.0 (PDF). GHP is a safe, privacy-respecting, and seamless solution for proving a traveler's COVID-19 health status, especially for the international traveler, as many countries now require such documentation.

While many types of proof-of-vaccination, such as WHO's Yellow Card for Yellow Fever, have been required for decades, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to do this at a global scale. Although paper credentials still need to be an option, digital credentials can now make it easier and safer to share sensitive personal data such as Private Health Information (PHI) and Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

The GHP Interoperability Working Group, hosted by the ToIP Foundation, created the Blueprint to help meet that need. The Blueprint proposes a standard for interoperability on secure, digital health passes that can be recognized and accepted by airlines, agencies and airports globally.

More than 120 experts in healthcare, travel, digital identity, security, and privacy contributed to the project. The process was open and transparent. The result demonstrates how digital trust principles can be applied in the real world, building people's confidence in solutions that have data integrity and privacy built-in.

The ToIP Foundation focuses on getting these types of standards right as we can only achieve excellence in digital trust by marrying rock-solid technologies with a governance-first mindset. Trust is the founding principle behind the ToIP Stack, our model for developing privacy-preserving, interoperable, and decentralized solutions for reliable communication and sharing.

Our engaged Working Group community and approval of the V1.0.0 Blueprint reflect our efforts towards these goals. Hosting the Working Group also means it enjoys all the antitrust and royalty-free Intellectual Property Rights protections that the ToIP Foundation has adopted as a Linux Foundation project.

We encourage you to review the Blueprint Draft and endorse it, implement it, and provide feedback. The Blueprint Draft and the feedback options are available at the GHP website, goodhealthpass.org.