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COMPULSORY ANTI-COVID VACCINATION AND HEALTH PASSES IN THE LIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW PRACTICE, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The COVID-19 pandemic has created and continues to provoke serious challenges both at national and international levels. This unprecedented situation, challenging essentially the core of the international human rights protection systems was treated in different ways by various stakeholders. Passing from different reactions towards human rights limitations and/or derogations imposed by States, the elaboration and gradual mass production of effective anti-COVID vaccines raised a new series of questions and concerns that should be duly examined.

This article aims at identifying the International Human Rights Law mechanisms' stance on compulsory vaccination and health passes that could be used during the current pandemic; with a specific reference to the European Court's of Human Rights case-law.