

Turkey launches vaccination registration program for tourism employees



Turkey has announced the rollout of a tourism employee vaccination registration program for tourism employees in coordination with The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Health and Turkey Tourism Promotion and Development Agency (TGA). The Program has launched within the scope of 'Safe Tourism Certification Program' to welcome international travellers for the upcoming tourism season and to ensure the health and safety of tourism employees and its residents remains its utmost priority. The vaccination program will be meticulously carried out in coordination with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labor. Within the scope of the program, first, all the employees of accommodation facilities, restaurants, tour guides, travel agencies who are registered under the 'Safe Tourism Certification Program' will be vaccinated.

In collaboration with The Ministry of Culture and Tourism and The Ministry of Health recently launched a platform where tourism facilities can register their employees for vaccination. The platform covers all key players of the tourism industry within the Safe Tourism Certification Program including the accommodation facilities, dining facilities, tour and transfer vehicles and tour guides. Official representatives of touristic facilities will be able to register their current employees.

As part of continuing effort to fight against COVID-19 and further enhance its position as one of the world's safest destinations, Turkey is continuing to invest in 'Safe Tourism Certification Program' "which is one of the first and most successful examples in the world in this field. The Country has expanded the scope of the practice and made it compulsory for accommodation facilities with 30 or more rooms. Up to now, more than 8.000 facilities were certified.

As the country is expecting a V-shaped recovery in touristic travels, the tourism workforce is prioritised and will be vaccinated first. Turkey is taking all actions to make sure it remains to be a healthy and safe tourism destination in 2021 and will be one of the top choices as a safe travel option for international travellers.