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AdR and Alitalia start digitization of certificates proving the negativity to Covid 19 for boarding on Covid tested Rome-New York flights

Rome, 5 January 2021 – Aeroporti di Roma and Alitalia are once again at the forefront for protocols aimed at traveling in extreme safety during the pandemic. Starting today, a new experimentation will allow passengers traveling to New York on Alitalia's Covid Tested flights to present, before boarding, a digital certificate proving negativity to the Covid-19 rapid antigen test, carried out at the airport, through the AOKpass app (developed in collaboration with the ICC - International Chamber of Commerce), thus saving additional time during travel procedures.

Operation is easy: once the AOKpass app has been downloaded on the mobile device and after carrying out the test at Rome Fiumicino airport, travelers will receive the result with a QR code that authenticates and securely stores the negative result on the smartphone. Upon boarding the flight to New York, passengers will then be able to use their digital health credentials by having the airport staff scan the QR code directly.

The digitization of this process, also thanks to the collaboration with doctors at the Air Health Office (USMAF) of the Italian Ministry of Health, represents a further step in the implementation of new protocols for safe access to air travel. A path, also in collaboration with Lazio Region, which started last September with Alitalia's Covid Tested Rome-Milan flights and continued in December with the opening of "quarantine free" flights from the United States of America.

As an alternative to the quarantine system that is difficult to control and penalizes healthy people, in the coming months passengers will increasingly carry out rapid or molecular tests preparatory for boarding, especially for long-haul destinations. With the progress of vaccinations, there may soon also be the opportunity to show the certificate of vaccination to safely access on board without incurring any limitation. The digitization of these processes is launched today with the AOKpass and will proceed shortly together with a further enrichment of the offer of health services and digital TravelPasses available in Rome Fiumicino airport, with active coordination with the competent authorities.

The Rome 'Leonardo da Vinci' International Airport is considered one of the safest airports in the world, so much so that it has obtained from Skytrax the maximum rating of 5 stars on anti-Covid health protocols, the ACI Airport Health Accreditation, and has just been chosen for the third consecutive year by ACI Europe as the best airport in Europe precisely because of the virus containment measures.

All Alitalia aircraft are sanitized with high-powered sanitizing products every day and, thanks to HEPA filters and vertical circulation, the air on board is not only renewed every three minutes, but it is also 99.7% pure.

"This new experimentation confirms the willingness of Aeroporti di Roma to continue the path undertaken, based on the maximum security in airport and oriented towards the definition of new safe and innovative travel protocols", said the CEO of Aeroporti di Roma, Marco Troncone. "Now our hope, and we are strongly committed to that, is to extend the Covid Tested travel procedures, launched in Fiumicino with the order of the Ministers of Health, Transport and Foreign Affairs last 23 November, to other countries and further Italian airports because we are convinced that this is the only way to ensure the highest safety to passengers, thus enabling the resumption of air traffic and international connectivity, which are essential for our Country".

"With the introduction of this digital process, Alitalia reaffirms its commitment to offer totally safe flights to and from Italy. We have been the first airline to introduce Covid Tested flights, with the Rome-Milan route first, and then between Rome and New York", said Giancarlo Zeni, General Manager of Alitalia. "We hope that this initiative will also help to restore confidence to travelers, and we would like to remember that the aircraft remains the safest vehicle, even during the pandemic. Our instruments and the filters we use inside our planes make the air quality comparable to that of a sterile medical room."

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