

## COVID-19 Vaccinations now mandatory for DoD Civilian Employees & Service members

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[Find a Dunham Army Health Clinic vaccine appointment at DHA Appointing Portal](#)

October 1, the Defense Department published guidance to all DoD civilian employees to become fully vaccinated by November 22, 2021. Employees are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after completing the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine, e.g., Pfizer or Moderna; or 2 weeks after receiving a single dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

This directive is to ensure the health and safety of the federal workforce and members of the public with whom they interact. It comes weeks after the Secretary of Defense directive for mandatory vaccination of Service Members, Aug. 24, 2021.

**On Tuesday, Oct 12, and Oct 19, Dunham Army Health Clinic will offer the Pfizer vaccine for civilian employees as well as TRICARE beneficiaries: by appointment only, at the Clinic, make your appointment on the DHA Appointing Portal, linked on this page.**

Multiple off-base vaccine providers offer Moderna for 18-and-older; Pfizer-BioNTech for 12-and-older, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines for 18-and-older. The Pfizer vaccine received full FDA authorization for individuals 16 and older, on August 23. It is authorized for emergency use

for ages 12-15. **Use the Vaccine Finder linked on this page to select locations for all types of vaccines within the immediate area.**

Those who are not currently fully vaccinated must meet the following deadlines, if using vaccines that are fully licensed or authorized for emergency use by the FDA, in order to be fully vaccinated by November 22, 2021:

October 11: first dose deadline (if receiving the Moderna vaccine)

October 18: first dose deadline (if receiving the Comirnaty/Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine)

November 8: second dose deadline (if receiving the Moderna and Comirnaty/PfizerBioNTech vaccines)

November 8: first (only) dose deadline (if receiving the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine).

Defense Department information includes a reminder that employees, including those who have already received COVID-19 vaccines, can anticipate providing a copy of their COVID-19 vaccine record in order to meet forthcoming procedures for DoD COVID-19 vaccination verification.

The DoD directive of October 1, 2021, is the implementing guidance for Section 1 of the Executive Order (EO) 14043, in which the President determined that in order to promote the health and safety of the workforce and the efficiency of the civil service, it is necessary to require COVID-19 vaccination for Federal employees, subject to such exceptions as are required by law.

## **From the Center for Disease Control & Prevention --**

### **COVID-19 vaccines are safe**

While COVID-19 vaccines were developed rapidly, [all steps have been taken to ensure their safety and effectiveness.](#)

COVID-19 vaccines were developed using science that has been around for decades.

COVID-19 vaccines are not experimental. They went through all the required stages of clinical trials. Extensive testing and monitoring have shown that these vaccines are safe and effective.

COVID-19 vaccines have received and continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. [Learn more about how federal partners are ensuring COVID-19 vaccines work.](#)

### **COVID-19 vaccines are effective**

- COVID 19-vaccines are effective. They can keep you from getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. [Learn more about the different COVID-19 vaccines.](#)
- COVID-19 vaccines also help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, [particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.](#)

### **Delta Variant**

The Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than earlier forms of the virus that causes COVID-19. It might cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated people.

- Vaccines continue to reduce a person's risk of contracting the virus that cause COVID-19, including this variant.
- Vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death, including against this variant.
- Fully vaccinated people with breakthrough infections from this variant appear to be infectious for a shorter period.
- Get vaccinated and wear masks indoors in public spaces to reduce the spread of this variant.