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COVID-19 VACCINATION OPTIONS

COVID-19 continues to be a threat to the Army's readiness. Vaccines are a proven means of protection.

Soldiers can meet the requirements of the DoD COVID-19 vaccine mandate by immunizing with one of the vaccine options below.

www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/2745742/Secretary-of-Defense-Austin-Issues-Guidance-for-Mandatory-Coronavirus-Disease-2/

NEW

PROTEIN SUBUNIT VACCINES

Novavax

- Uses the same technology as other common vaccines, such as those for hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, shingles, and meningitis.
- Works by presenting your immune system with a harmless protein from the virus that causes COVID-19, which is then destroyed.

mRNA VACCINES

Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna/Spikevax

- Uses a newer approach that has been proven safe and effective in children and adults.
- Works by providing instructions for your cells to make a harmless protein from the virus that causes COVID-19; your immune system then destroys the instructions and the protein.

VECTOR VACCINES

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

- Uses a newer approach that has been proven safe and effective in adults.
- Works by using an inactive virus to deliver instructions for your cells to make a harmless protein from the virus that causes COVID-19; your immune system then destroys the instructions and the protein.

Once vaccinated, your body's immune system can quickly recognize the COVID-19 virus when you are exposed. This will reduce your risk of severe disease if you do become infected.



Soldiers with medical or religious concerns regarding COVID-19 vaccination can get additional medical information regarding vaccine options from a healthcare provider and can discuss their religious concerns with a Unit Chaplain or religious advisor/clergy. One or more of the available vaccine options may satisfy those Soldiers with continuing medical or religious concerns.