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Information Regarding Available COVID-19 Vaccines

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Purpose



Inform Soldiers who remain not fully vaccinated about the range of available vaccines that provide options for protection against COVID-19 and meet the Department of Defense COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate.



Background

- On 24 August 2021, the Secretary of Defense directed mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 with a FDA-approved vaccine for all members of the Armed Forces, including those on Active Duty, the Ready Reserve, and the National Guard.
- In addition to taking a FDA-approved vaccine, Soldiers can also meet the requirements of the DoD COVID-19 vaccine mandate by voluntarily immunizing with a COVID-19 vaccine under FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use Listing (EUL) in accordance with applicable dose requirements.
- Since August 2021, the majority of Army Soldiers have become fully vaccinated with a FDA-approved vaccine, or have voluntarily elected to take a vaccine under FDA EUA or WHO EUL to meet the requirements of the DoD COVID-19 vaccine mandate.



- As of August 2022, the FDA has granted emergency use authorization (EUA) or approved four COVID-19 vaccines:
 - The Comirnaty/Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is a FDA-approved vaccine using mRNA technology.
 - The Spikevax/Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is a FDA-approved vaccine using mRNA technology.
 - The Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is available under FDA EUA and uses viral vector technology.
 - The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is newly available under FDA EUA (EUA issued on 13 July 2022) and uses a different technology than the mRNA and viral vector vaccine options.
 - The Comirnaty/Pfizer-BioNTech, Spikevax/Moderna, and Janssen vaccines are currently available in MTFs. The Novavax vaccine will soon be available in MTFs.
- Any of these vaccines, and additional vaccine options currently under WHO EUL (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>), satisfy the DoD COVID-19 vaccine mandate when taken in accordance with applicable dose requirements. Research and development continues on additional vaccine options.



Conclusion

- COVID-19 continues to be a threat to the Army force and readiness, with rising numbers of cases and hospitalizations in Summer 2022.
- COVID-19 vaccines are a proven means to protect against COVID-19 and help prevent severe disease and death caused by COVID-19.
- DoD's COVID-19 vaccine mandate remains in effect.
- The Comirnaty/Pfizer, Spikevax/Moderna, Janssen, and Novavax vaccines provide a suite of options Soldiers can use to both protect themselves and the force from COVID-19 and meet the requirements of the DoD COVID-19 vaccine mandate.
- 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.