

## **Attachment 1**

### **Supplementary Guidance for Members of the Air Force Reserve**

1. This supplementary addendum establishes specific policy and provides guidance applicable to Air Force Reserve (AFR) members, pursuant to Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force guidance as well as AFRC/CD's *AFRC Vaccine Guidance* memo, dated 24 September 2021. Compliance with this guidance is mandatory.
2. Effective 2 December 2021, all AFR members were required to fall into one of the following categories to comply with the vaccination mandate:
  - a. Completed a vaccination regimen.
  - b. Have requested or received a medical exemption.
  - c. Have requested or received a Religious Accommodation Request (RAR).
  - d. Have requested or received an administrative exemption.
3. Unvaccinated members who request a medical exemption or RAR will be temporarily exempt from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement while their exemption request is under review. For those members who have declined to be vaccinated, or have not otherwise complied with the guidance above, they are potentially in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) by refusing to obey a lawful order. Commanders should use their discretion as appropriate when initiating disciplinary action.
4. Traditional Reserve (TR) and Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) members who fail to be vaccinated and have not submitted an exemption or accommodation will be placed in a no pay/no points status and involuntarily reassigned to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) members who fail to be vaccinated and have not submitted an exemption or accommodation will have their AGR tour curtailed and involuntarily reassigned to the IRR.
5. Members whose medical exemption or RAR is denied have five (5) calendar days from receipt of their denial to do one of the following:
  - a. Begin a COVID-19 vaccination regimen.
  - b. Request a second opinion (medical) or submit an appeal to the final RAR appeal authority (AF/SG). If a final appeal is denied, the member will have five (5) calendar days from notice of denial to begin the COVID-19 vaccination regimen.
  - c. If eligible to retire:

- i. IMAs and TRs may request to retire<sup>1</sup> and will be placed in a no pay/no points status not later than 60 calendar days post RAR/appeal notification.
  - ii. AGR members may be able to retire if they begin terminal leave status NLT 60 calendar days from RAR/appeal notification.
6. Immediately following notification of final adjudication, AFR members must comply with the vaccination requirement. Any refusal to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, absent an approved exemption, may be punishable under the UCMJ. Continued refusal will result in involuntary reassignment to the IRR.
7. Members will be subject to recoupment for any unearned special, incentive pays or certain training.
8. Where required, AFR Airmen will complete all out-processing requirements, to include the Transition Assistance Program or Permanent Change of Station actions.

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<sup>1</sup> Revised on 14 April 2022. Removed date in Section 5.c.i. All previous versions obsolete.