



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR UNIVERSITY (AETC)**

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MEMORANDUM FOR OTS TRAINEES

FROM: Commander, Holm Center

SUBJECT: COVID-19 VACCINE POLICY FOR OFFICER TRAINEES

1. This policy amends previous COVID-19 vaccine guidance found in the *OTS COVID-19 Mitigation Measures* memorandum dated 9 Sep 21. The Department of Defense and the Department of the Air Force directed that all military members be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. In order to ensure a safeguarded, effective and capable military force, all officer trainees (OTs) without approved religious or medical exemption must be vaccinated against COVID-19 before they graduate the OTS training program.
2. Any OT, including Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, currently enrolled in OTS Class 21-08 that does not provide proof of a COVID vaccination shot or a medical exemption on or before 24 September 2021 in accordance with the COVID vaccination order will be administratively dis-enrolled from the program without prejudice. OTs unwilling to be vaccinated and administratively dis-enrolled without prejudice may return to the OTS training program in the next available training class after the OT obtains an approved medical exemption or is fully vaccinated. OTs submitting a religious accommodation request by the vaccination order deadline will be dis-enrolled without prejudice and may return to the OTS training program in the next available training class after their accommodation request is approved or they are fully vaccinated.
3. Any trainee reporting to OTS Class 22-01 must be fully vaccinated. If an OT arrives unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, the OT must be willing to begin or complete vaccination upon arrival or have an approved medical or religious exemption. OTS will not accept or in-process those seeking medical or religious exemptions. OTS will ensure prospective OTs are informed of this requirement prior to reporting to Class 22-01.
4. All follow-on OTS classes for FY22 will arrive fully vaccinated or with a previously approved medical or religious exemption. Please refer any questions to the OTS Director of Staff, Maj Mark A. Morales at DSN (312) 493-3955 or via email at mark.morales@us.af.mil.

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