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UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Annual Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Exception to Policy

Secretary of War Memorandum, "Updated Guidance on Influenza Vaccination," April 20, 2026, states that the annual influenza vaccine is voluntary for all Active and Reserve Component Service members and Department of War civilian personnel.

I grant your May 5, 2026, exception to policy (ETP) request to require the following Department of the Army personnel to receive the annual seasonal influenza vaccine:

- Initial Entry Training and Combat Training Center Rotational Forces;
- Deploying and deployed personnel;
- Continental United States-based Immediate Response Force Service members; and
- Critical occupational settings (healthcare, first responders, confinement facilities, and child and youth service).

This ETP is based on a Department of the Army risk to mission and risk to force assessment and maximizes operational readiness, lethality, and force generation, safeguards immunocompromised or other at-risk populations, and provides stability of the home front, allowing Service members to remain focused on the mission.

The Department of the Army is responsible for implementing this ETP and for maintaining documentation to provide reports to my office upon request. The Department of the Army will ensure its personnel are aware of and have access to its medical and administrative immunization exemption procedures.

I have rescinded my October 23, 2025, memorandum, "Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program for Reserve Components."

Please direct any questions regarding this ETP to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Health Affairs at dha.ncr.ha-support.list.policy-hrpo-kmc-owners@health.mil.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Department of the Navy Annual Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Exception to Policy

Secretary of War Memorandum, "Updated Guidance on Influenza Vaccination," April 20, 2026, states that the annual influenza vaccine is voluntary for all Active and Reserve Component Service members and Department of War civilian personnel.

I grant your May 5, 2026, exception to policy (ETP) request to require the following Department of the Navy personnel to receive the annual seasonal influenza vaccine:

- Initial entry training, to include Navy basic training and Marine Corps recruit training;
- Healthcare personnel with direct patient contact or exposure to patients, including healthcare personnel assigned to Budget Submitting Office 27;
- Deployed personnel with theater or country requirements;
- Marine Corps Security Force Regiment and Chemical Biological Incident Response Force; and
- Civilian personnel employed in child development and youth services programs.

This ETP is based upon a Department of the Navy risk to mission and risk to force assessment and maximizes operational readiness, lethality, and force generation; safeguards immunocompromised or other at-risk populations; and provides stability of the home front, allowing Service members to remain focused on the mission.

The Department of the Navy is responsible for implementing this ETP and for maintaining documentation to provide reports to my office upon request. The Department of the Navy will ensure its personnel are aware of and have access to its medical and administrative immunization exemption procedures.

I have rescinded my October 23, 2025, memorandum, "Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program for Reserve Components."

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Department of the Air Force Annual Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Exception to Policy

Secretary of War Memorandum, "Updated Guidance on Influenza Vaccination," April 20, 2026, states that the annual influenza vaccine is voluntary for all Active and Reserve Component Service members and Department of War civilian personnel.

I grant your May 5, 2026, exception to policy (ETP) request to require the following Department of the Air Force personnel to receive the annual seasonal influenza vaccine:

- Recruits, training populations, and congregate living;
- Rapid Deployment Forces and "no-fail" missions;
- Deployed forces;
- Healthcare personnel;
- Civilian personnel employed in child development and youth service programs; and
- Air Mobility Command military personnel who are assigned aircrew supporting the United States Transportation Command tasking; enroute care personnel; executive airlift personnel.

This ETP is based on a Department of the Air Force risk to mission and risk to force assessment and maximizes operational readiness, lethality, and force generation, safeguards immunocompromised or other at-risk populations, and provides stability of the home front, allowing Service members to remain focused on the mission.

The Department of the Air Force is responsible for implementing this ETP and for maintaining documentation to provide reports to my office upon request. The Department of the Air Force will ensure its personnel are aware of and have access to its medical and administrative immunization exemption procedures.

I have rescinded my October 23, 2025, memorandum, "Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program for Reserve Components."

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