



WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Marine Corps recognizes COVID-19 as a readiness issue. The speed with which the disease transmits among individuals has increased risk to our Marines and the Marine Corps' mission. We are confident the vaccine protects our Marines, our communities, and the Nation.

To date, approximately 91% of Marines who have been hospitalized due to COVID-19 were unvaccinated at the time of their hospitalization.

VACCINATION STATISTICS

For information on current total numbers of partially and fully vaccinated Marines, please visit <https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Coronavirus-DoD-Response/>. This site is maintained by the Department of Defense and is updated on Wednesdays. The Marine Corps tracks data using the Medical Readiness Reporting System, which is then uploaded into the DOD system. We are providing data provided to us by MRRS, current as of May 4, 2022.

Active

- 97% fully vaccinated
- 98% at least partially vaccinated (includes partial and fully)

Reserve

- 92% fully vaccinated
- 92% at least partially vaccinated (includes partial and fully)

EXEMPTIONS & SEPARATIONS

Per MARADMIN 462/21, all Marine Corps active and reserve component service members shall be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless medically or administratively exempt. Medical exemptions can be either permanent or temporary, based on the duration of the condition which qualifies the service member for medical exemption. Administrative exemptions are typically short-term in nature and related to logistical considerations.



As of May 4, 2022, the Marine Corps is tracking 872 approved administrative or medical exemptions.

Marines who request exemption due to religious accommodation will have their request forwarded to Manpower and Reserve Affairs for adjudication. All current exemption requests are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Each request will be given full consideration with respect to the facts and circumstances submitted in the request.

To date, there have been 3,705 requests for religious accommodation concerning the COVID-19 vaccine mandate and 7 requests have been approved.

The Marine Corps has a compelling governmental interest in mission accomplishment at the individual, unit, and organizational levels. The necessary elements of mission accomplishment include: (1) military readiness; (2) unit cohesion; (3) good order and discipline; and (4) health and safety. Adjudication Authorities pay particular attention to how religious accommodation request determinations will impact the Marine's and unit's ability to accomplish the mission, and consider the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest.

Per Marine Corps policy (MARADMINs 462/21, 533/21, and 612/21), any active duty Marine and Ready Reserve Marine in an active duty status who did not receive a final vaccination dose by Nov. 14, 2021 or any reserve component Marine who did not receive a final vaccination dose by Dec. 14, 2021 is considered unvaccinated. All unvaccinated Marines without a pending or approved administrative exemption, medical exemption, or religious accommodation, or appeal, will be processed for administrative separation.

MARADMIN 462/21 indicates units will document a specific code in the Marine Corps Total Force System upon separation for vaccine refusal. To date, 2,117 Marines have been separated from the Marine Corps with the vaccine refusal discharge code.