



## MONTHLY 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 88% 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 September 7, 2022.

#### Active

- 95% fully vaccinated
- 97% at least partially vaccinated (includes partial and fully)

#### Reserve

- 95% fully vaccinated
- 96% at least partially vaccinated (includes partial and fully)

### EXEMPTIONS & SEPARATIONS

As of September 30, 2022, the Marine Corps is tracking 419 approved administrative or medical exemptions.

To date, there have been 3,737 requests for religious accommodation concerning the COVID-19 vaccine mandate and 14 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.

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To date, 3,511 Marines have been separated from the Marine Corps with the vaccine refusal discharge code.