

For US Air Force service members

While the Air Force tailors religious requests to each individual, the following can be used to start the process should the Air Force make this Covid shot mandatory. Folks can drop this text into their unit letterhead, fill in their name, and submit to their commanders.

MEMORANDUM FOR Immediate Commander

SUBJECT: Request for Religious Accommodation – Rank Name

1. I request a religious accommodation to not be required to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 in accordance with policies and procedures contained in DoDI 1300.17 (Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military Services), 22 Feb 2014; AFI 48-110 (Immunizations And Chemoprophylaxis For The Prevention of Infectious Diseases), 6 Oct 2013; and AFPD 52-2 (Accommodation of Religious Practices in the Air Force), 27 Jul 2020.

2. It is well-documented that all COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States utilized fetal cell lines in their development (PER.C6 by Johnson & Johnson) or testing (HEK 293 by Pfizer and Moderna) that are descended from fetal tissue taken from elective abortions. The University of Nebraska Medical Center has documented these facts here: <https://www.nebraskamed.com/COVID/you-asked-we-answered-do-the-covid-19-vaccines-contain-aborted-fetal-cells>.

3. I am not opposed to vaccines in principle; however, it is my sincerely-held religious belief that abortion is immoral and that these vaccines are not morally justifiable, especially considering the extremely low mortality rate and rare instances of permanent complications from COVID-19 infections among those of military age.

4. While this request is being considered by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, personnel, and Services, I understand that I have a temporary exemption from compliance IAW AFPD 52-2, paragraph 1.4. I also understand that permanent exemptions for religious reasons are not granted and that the MAJCOM commander is the designated approval and revocation authority for temporary immunization exemptions IAW AFI 48-110, paragraph 2-6.

5. I look forward to working with you, our chaplains, our medical providers, and our judge advocates to consider this request. If you have any questions, please reach me at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or by email at xxxxxxxxxxxx.