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**U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, EUROPE AND AFRICA ORDER 6000.2**

**From:** Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and Africa  
**To:** Distribution List

**Subj :** MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

**Ref:** (a) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Mandatory Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination of Department of Defense Service Members," 24 August 2021  
(b) ALNAV 061/21, 30 August 2021  
(c) MARADMIN 462/21  
(d) MARFOREUR/AF 6000.1  
(e) Uniform Code of Military Justice  
(f) MCO 1900.16, "MARCORSEPMAN," 15 February 2019  
(g) DoD Force Health Protection – Supplement (18), 17 March 2021  
(h) MARFOREUR/AF Return to Work and Travel Matrix, current edition

1. **Situation.** Reference (a) mandated vaccination against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for all Service members on active duty and in the Ready Reserve. Reference (b) directed mandatory vaccination within the Department of the Navy. Reference (c) directed mandatory vaccination within the U.S. Marine Corps and established Service policy. Our COVID-19 voluntary vaccination effort has been remarkable, but now we have a "must do" mission to accomplish. This Order establishes mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy and procedures for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and Africa (MARFOREUR/AF) Marines and Sailors.

2. **Mission.** Effective immediately, MARFOREUR/AF Marines and Sailors achieve fully vaccinated status against COVID-19 in accordance with Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) directed timelines in order to maximize readiness and to accomplish all missions.

3. **Execution**

a. **Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations**

(1) **Commander's Intent.** Mission accomplishment requires medically ready Marines and Sailors. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and is necessary to protect our Force and ensure the safety of those that serve alongside us. All MARFOREUR/AF Marines and Sailors – on active duty and in the reserve component – will be fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, unless determined medically or administratively exempt. Unvaccinated Marines and Sailors are not medically ready for deployment to the U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) or to the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) AOR, even if an exemption has been granted.

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(2) Concept of Operations. It is MARFOREUR/AF policy that:

(a) All MARFOREUR/AF Marines and Sailors shall be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless medically or administratively exempt, in accordance with directed SECNAV timelines.

(b) Non-exempt unvaccinated active duty Marines and Sailors shall be fully vaccinated no later than 90 days from 30 August 2021. Non-exempt unvaccinated reserve component Marines and Sailors shall be vaccinated no later than 120 days from 30 August 2021.

(c) Unvaccinated Marines and Sailors assigned to the MARFOREUR/AF headquarters and those who are subject to COMMARFOREUR/AF's operational control shall not conduct official travel (e.g., Temporary Additional Duty, operational deployment, etc.) to the USAFRICOM AOR or outside their assigned host nation within the USEUCOM AOR. Administratively supported Marines and Sailors subject to the authority of another operational commander will execute official travel in accordance with that commander's directives. This restriction applies regardless of a Marine or Sailor's approved exemption.

(d) Medical and administrative exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with reference (c). Per reference (c), proximity to separation or retirement is not a valid exemption for COVID-19 for Marines. Marines and Sailors shall, after complying with paragraph 3.j.1. of reference (c), submit medical exemption requests, via their chain of command, to the Force Surgeon, MARFOREUR/AF, for consideration. Marines and Sailors shall submit administrative exemption requests, via their chain of command, to the Deputy Commander, MARFOREUR/AF, for consideration.

b. Tasks

(1) Subordinate Commanders, Officers-in-Charge, and Division Leadership

(a) Direct unvaccinated Marines and Sailors to achieve fully vaccinated status.

(b) Refer assigned Marines and Sailors who initially refuse mandatory vaccination to appropriate professionals (e.g., medical, religious, legal, etc.) for counseling.

(c) Notify the Deputy Commander of refusals and administrative exemption requests. Notify the Force Surgeon of medical exemption requests.

(2) G-1. Coordinate and supervise the issuance of travel orders for active duty unvaccinated supported personnel in order to facilitate necessary medical care with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed COVID-19 vaccines at DoD Vaccination Sites.

(3) G-8. Provide advice, in coordination with the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), to G-1 on authorized travel and transportation expenses necessary to facilitate supported personnel necessary medical care.

(4) Health Services (HS)

(a) Identify unvaccinated active duty Marines and Sailors assigned to Headquarters, MARFOREUR/AF and those subject to COMMARFOREUR/AF operational control to respective subordinate commanders, officers-in-charge, division leadership, and the Chief of Staff, MARFOREUR/AF.

(b) Identify unvaccinated reserve component MARFOREUR/AF Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) Marines and Sailors to respective division leadership and the MARFOREUR/AF Reserve Liaison Officer and unvaccinated active duty Marines and Sailors receiving MARFOREUR/AF administrative support to the G-1.

(c) Establish vaccination plan for unvaccinated personnel and coordinate treatment with supporting Military Treatment Facilities and/or DoD Vaccination Sites.

(d) Document Marine and Sailor vaccination administration per reference (c).

(e) Provide medical counseling services and support to unvaccinated Marines and Sailors. Report refusals and identified medical exemption requests to division leadership and the Deputy Commander, MARFOREUR/AF.

(f) Republish reference (d) to add the COVID-19 vaccination as an immunization requirement.

(5) Staff Judge Advocate. Provide legal advice as necessary.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This Order is a lawful general order pursuant to Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (reference (e)). Paragraph 3.a.(2)(a) through (c) are punitive provisions. Marines and Sailors who fail to comply with these provisions, or a subordinate commander's implementing order, may be subject to disciplinary or administrative action. Administrative counseling, pursuant to paragraph 6105 of reference (f), in the case of enlisted Marines and Sailors is withheld to the Deputy Commander, MARFOREUR/AF. Officer administrative counseling and initial disposition authority for all enlisted and officer cases arising from COVID-19 vaccine refusals is withheld to the COMMARFOREUR/AF.

(2) Marines and Sailors are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after completing the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or two weeks after receiving a single dose of a one-dose vaccine. Per references (a), (b), and (c), those with previous COVID-19 infection are not considered fully vaccinated.

(3) Mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 will only use COVID-19 vaccines that receive full licensure from the FDA, in accordance with FDA-approved labeling and guidance.

(4) Marines and Sailors voluntarily immunized with a COVID-19 vaccine under FDA Emergency Use Authorization or World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing in accordance with applicable dose requirements prior to, or after, the establishment of this Order are considered fully vaccinated.

(5) Marines and Sailors who are actively participating in COVID-19 clinical trials are exempted from mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 until the trial is complete in order to avoid invalidating such clinical trial results. Unvaccinated Marines and Sailors participating in clinical trials are non-deployable as indicated in Paragraph 3.a.(2)(c).

(6) Marines and Sailors who receive COVID-19 vaccination from approved non-DoD facilities (e.g., civilian pharmacies, health departments, or civilian healthcare providers) shall provide documented verification (e.g., a signed authorized vaccination card or healthcare provider record/note) to MARFOREUR/AF HS no later than 1600 on the next regular duty day.

(7) Marines and Sailors in a flight duty status will refer to reference (c) regarding self-limited grounding periods.

(8) Vaccinated Marines and Sailors will carry a copy of their vaccination card/record on their person during duty periods.

4. Administration and Logistics. Health Services is the sponsor for this Order.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command

(1) This Order is applicable to all active duty and reserve component Marines and Sailors assigned to MARFOREUR/AF, subject to COMMARFOREUR/AF operational control, and who receive administrative support from MARFOREUR/AF. Administratively supported personnel includes Marines assigned to a Headquarters, USEUCOM, Headquarters, USAFRICOM, a Service Component headquarters (e.g., Naval Forces, Europe/Naval Forces, Africa), North Atlantic Treaty Organization military headquarters, and all other assignments where the Marine is administratively supported by MARFOREUR/AF.

(2) Unvaccinated personnel remain subject to access restrictions as set forth in references (g) and (h), applicable DoD installation commander regulations, and any DoD implemented Safer Federal Workforce Task Force measures.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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