

Best Practices to Assist Soldiers Requesting  
Religious Accommodation Exemption for Immunizations  
Sample Immunization Religious Accommodation Interview Questionnaire

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Rank/First/Last Name of Requestor

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Rank/First/Last Name of Chaplain    Date

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Unit – MOS/Position

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Religious Affiliation

**Remind Soldier: This Interview is not confidential and content will be shared with the chain of CMD**

**1. Religious Basis**

What is your religious preference, and is it correctly reflected in your official military record?

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Explain your religion and your religious beliefs.

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Is taking the vaccine considered material participation in evil according to your beliefs? (Material participation in evil is the financial or understood and implied support of a moral evil through participation.)

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Would anything be different if the vaccine was taken for the material good of others who are unable (immune-compromised, allergic, etc.)

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**2. Ethical Basis**

Is your request based on a desire to save yourself from harm, or is it based on a desire to save others from harm?

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Would you reject other vaccines for the same reasons?

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Why is this vaccine a concern when others are not?

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Would an option to receive a different strand of the vaccine reasonably accommodate your request?

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Now that the vaccine is approved through the FDA, does this change your view of the vaccine? Why or why not?

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**3. Sincerity**

Would you consider separation from the military over the vaccine mandate?

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How long have you held to or practiced this religion and the beliefs underlying your request?

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Why and how important is this request?

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Are you a part of a community of believers holding similar views?

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Where and how often do you meet?

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Anything else you would like to communicate related to your request (*use for overflow if not enough room above*).

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