

Unlawful Pentagon Order Mandating mRNA Vaccine for Troops

Biden Admin Officials Scramble to Escape Blame. Former Pentagon official Terry Adirim says she was directed by the Secretary of Defense to justify the mandate.

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Lawyers representing America’s service members are beginning to produce victories defending the U.S. Armed Forces against forced compliance with biomedical gene therapy experiments, and suddenly, nobody in the Pentagon wants to take accountability for their legally dubious mRNA injection order.

It all began on August 24, 2021, when **Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin** [issued a memo mandating](#) mRNA “vaccination” for the active military, but with the stipulation that this mandate only applied to fully licensed products. This was because, as *The Dossier* understands, it is illegal to force service members to take an EUA vaccine.

Mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 will only use COVID-19 vaccines that receive full licensure from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in accordance with FDA-approved labeling and guidance. Service members 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 policy are considered fully vaccinated. Service members 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.

Sec Def Lloyd Austin memo

Department of the Air Force Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation

Frequently Asked Questions

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The FDA formally licensed the Pfizer-BioNTech COMIRNATY® COVID-19 vaccine on 23 August 2021. Secretary Of Defense HON Lloyd Austin issued a memorandum on 24 Aug 2021, which directed Secretaries of the Military Departments to immediately begin full vaccination of all members of the Armed Forces under DoD authority on active duty or in the Ready Reserve, including National Guard, who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The Secretary of the Air Force HON Frank Kendall directed that DAF components move out aggressively on this guidance.

The Secretary of Defense's direction establishes a requirement for Service members to be fully vaccinated. Service members can elect to receive any FDA licensed or authorized (Emergency Use Authorized (EUA)) vaccine to meet that requirement. **If vaccinations are being given on a mandatory basis, only vaccines with full FDA licensure may be required.** At this time, that only includes the COMIRNATY® (Pfizer) vaccine, but more may be added to that list in the future. COMIRNATY® has the same formulation and can be used interchangeably with the FDA authorized Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Providers can use doses distributed under the EUA to administer the vaccination series as if the doses were the licensed vaccine according to the FDA. Other vaccines may be added to this list in the future.

The Sec Austin memo and the guidance that followed created an issue, because, as *The Dossier* readers are well aware of by now, the FDA licensed versions of the mRNA shots never actually made it to market, rendering the initial vaccine mandate useless.

This is where the infamous September 14, 2021 memo comes into play.



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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER
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SUBJECT: Mandatory Vaccination of Service Members using the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19
and Comirnaty COVID-19 Vaccines

On August 23, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the biologics license application for the Comirnaty vaccine, made by Pfizer-BioNTech, as a two-dose series for prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in persons aged 16 years or older. Previously, on December 11, 2020, the FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, which has the same formulation as the Comirnaty vaccine. Per FDA guidance, these two vaccines are “interchangeable” and DoD health care providers should “use doses distributed under the EUA to administer the vaccination series as if the doses were the licensed vaccine.”¹

Consistent with FDA guidance, DoD health care providers will use both the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and the Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine interchangeably for the purpose of vaccinating Service members in accordance with Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Mandatory Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination of Department of Defense Service Members,” August 24, 2021.

My point of contact for this guidance is Colonel Michael J. Berecz, who may be reached at (703) 681-8463 or michael.j.berecz.mil@mail.mil.

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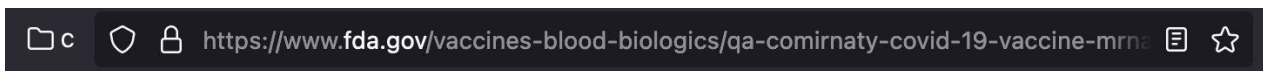
¹ FDA, “Q&A for Comirnaty (COVID-19 Vaccine mRNA),” <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/qa-comirnaty-covid-19-vaccine-mrna>, accessed September 10, 2021.

Dr Terry Adirim, the woman who signed the memo, is a devoted democrat political activist and, as a medical doctor, advocates for “[gender-affirming prescriptions](#)” for “transgender” children. At the time, she was the acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs (under a Biden political appointment). Adirim’s memo attempted to justify mandating EUA shots as if they were FDA approved.



Terry Adirim Twitter profile

Dr Adirim's deceptive memo described the EUA and FDA licensed vaccines as "interchangeable," adding that the Defense Department can "use doses distributed under the EUA to administer the vaccination series as if the doses were the licensed vaccine." Adirim failed to note that the EUA vaccines were only administratively interchangeable, but not *legally* interchangeable, as made clear by the FDA. This should have rendered any mandate unenforceable.



Is Comirnaty interchangeable with other COVID-19 vaccines?

The FDA-approved Comirnaty (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) and the two EUA authorized formulations of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for ages 12 years and older, when prepared according to their respective instructions for use, can be used interchangeably without presenting any safety or effectiveness concerns. The products are legally distinct with certain differences that do not impact safety or effectiveness.

In other documents and statements, she routinely made claims that FDA licensed vaccines were available to troops, when that was not in fact the case.

[@DeptofDefense](#) [@SecDef](#) [@US_FDA](#) Terry Adirim has made multiple claims that the DOD has licensed vaccines. CDC as of May 24 says they're ONLY orderable. A lot of separations from commanders issuing unlawful orders. Approved not available. A lot of insubordinate activity to me. pic.twitter.com/eggEgEmghn

— JanineG385 (@JanineG385) [June 2, 2022](#)

Following the mRNA injection order, untold thousands of service members were coerced — under threat of both administrative and criminal action — to take a “vaccine” that they wanted no part of. Unsurprisingly, this mandatory novel gene therapy injection has harmed combat readiness and produced widespread, serious, long term injuries throughout the armed forces.

As the CDC relaxes its COVID guidance, just reminding people of this report from 30 days ago...

US Military Might Lose \$4 Billion Due To Pentagon’s COVID Vaccine Mandate, According To [@RepMattGaetz](#) <https://t.co/NCleDiHe9x> via [@dailycaller](#)

— Kristina Wong 🍌 (@kristina_wong) [August 15, 2022](#)

The Pentagon’s unlawful order is being challenged in court by lawyers representing all branches of the military. On Thursday, the Marine Corps became the latest service branch granted a class wide injunction against the mandate.

Marines win classwide injunction against vaccine mandate discrimination!
<https://t.co/zVc6WLlIaZ>

— Robert Barnes (@barnes_law) [August 19, 2022](#)

Since leaving the Pentagon, Adirim has sought to distance herself from the letter, claiming that “crazy” attempts to hold her accountable are misguided, because it was “The Secretary” (Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin) who “directed vaccinations.” Neither Austin nor the Pentagon has confirmed that the Secretary of Defense ordered Adirim to sign off on the unlawful mandate.

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That's crazy. I'm a public health official that cares about protecting people. The Secretary directed vaccinations by the way.

Adirim remains in government as the program executive director of the VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office. As a government official, both she and the Secretary of Defense are easily accessible to testify via a congressional subpoena, should congress want to investigate their controversial memos. As Adirim's memo has come under scrutiny, she has decided to lock her social media accounts.

Who, if anyone, will be held accountable?

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