

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

Rank/First/Last Name of Requestor

Rank/First/Last Name of Chaplain Date

Unit – MOS/Position

Religious Affiliation

1. Religious Basis

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

Explain your religion and your religious beliefs.

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.)

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

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?

Would you reject other vaccines for the same reasons?

Why is this vaccine a concern when others are not?

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

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

3. **Sincerity**

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

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

Why and how important is this request?

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

Where and how often do you meet?

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