

REQUEST FOR A MEDICAL EXCEPTION TO THE COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

Government-wide policy requires all Federal employees, as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2105, to be vaccinated against COVID-19, with exceptions only as required by law. Employees may seek a legal exception to the vaccination requirement due to a disability, using the form below. The agency may also ask for other information, as needed. Requests for “medical accommodation” or “medical exceptions” will be treated as requests for a disability accommodation and evaluated and decided under applicable Rehabilitation Act standards for reasonable accommodation absent undue hardship to the agency. An employee may also request a delay for complying with the vaccination requirement based on certain medical considerations that may not justify an exception under the Rehabilitation Act. Safer Federal Workforce Task Force guidance on medical considerations that may warrant a delay is available [here](#). The agency will be required to keep confidential any medical information provided, subject to the applicable Rehabilitation Act standards. Employees who receive an exception or a delay from the vaccination requirement would instead comply with alternative health and safety protocols.

Signing this form constitutes a declaration that the information you provide is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and ability. Any intentional misrepresentation to the Federal Government may result in legal consequences, including termination or removal from Federal Service.

To request a medical exception or delay from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement using this form:

1. You must complete Part 1 of this form.
2. Your medical provider must complete Part 2 of this form.
3. When both are completed, you must submit the form to your agency’s designated POC.

Public Burden Information

This collection of information is estimated to take an average of ten minutes per response. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005-3917. This form must display a valid OMB control number, which is located on the bottom of the last page.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: We are authorized to collect the information requested on this form pursuant to Executive Order 14043, Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees (Sept. 9, 2021); 29 U.S.C. 791, Employment of Individuals with Disabilities; 42 U.S.C. Chapter 126, Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities; 29 CFR Part 1630, Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act; Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Program for Federal Employees (Feb. 26, 1980); and 5 U.S.C. chapters 11 and 79.

Purpose: To document the consideration, decision, and implementation of requests for reasonable accommodation from the COVID vaccination requirement set forth in Executive Order 14043, Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees (Sept. 9, 2021).

Routine Uses: While the information requested on this form is intended to be used primarily for internal purposes, in certain circumstances it may be necessary to disclose this information externally, for example to disclose information to contractors, grantees, or volunteers as necessary to perform their duties for the Federal Government, or to officials of the Office of Special Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Labor Relations Authority, Merit Systems Protection Board, or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission when requested in the performance of their authorized duties. A complete list of the routine uses can be found in the system of records notice associated with this collection of information, OGE/INTERNAL-1, Pay, Leave, Travel, and Reasonable Accommodation Records, 86 Fed. Reg. 62537 (November 10, 2010).

Consequence of Failure to Provide Information: Providing this information is voluntary. Failure to provide this information may delay or impede the processing of this reasonable accommodation request. Moreover, without an approved reasonable accommodation request, failure to provide proof of COVID vaccination may result in disciplinary measures, up to and including removal from Federal service, based on the requirements of Executive Order 14043, Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees (Sept. 9, 2021).

Part 1 – To Be Completed by the Employee

Employee Name		Date of Request	
Agency		Division	
Position	Supervisor	Phone Number	

Medical or Disability Exception Request

I am requesting a medical exception to the requirement for COVID-19 vaccination or a delay because of a temporary condition or medical circumstance. I declare that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Employee Signature

Print Name

Date

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Part 2 – To be Completed by the Employee's Medical Provider

Employee Name

Medical Certification for COVID-19 Vaccine Exception

Dear Medical Provider:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) requires its employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order of the President of the United States. The individual named above is seeking a medical exception to the requirement for COVID-19 vaccination or a delay because of a temporary condition or medical circumstance. Please complete this form to assist OGE in evaluating this request. If you have questions about completing this form, please contact Dale Christopher, OGE's Deputy Director for Compliance at dachrist@oge.gov or 202-271-3215.

Please provide at least the following information, where applicable:

1. The applicable contraindication or precaution for COVID-19 vaccination, and for each contraindication or precaution, indicate: (a) whether it is recognized by the CDC pursuant to its guidance; and (b) whether it is listed in the package insert or Emergency Use Authorization fact sheet for each of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized or approved for use in the United States;
2. A statement that the individual's condition and medical circumstances relating to the individual are such that COVID-19 vaccination is not considered safe, indicating the specific nature of the medical condition or circumstances that contraindicate immunization with a COVID-19 vaccine or might increase the risk for a serious adverse reaction; and
3. Any other medical condition that would limit the employee from receiving any COVID-19 vaccine.

Description of the medical condition for which the employee listed above should be excepted from complying with a COVID-19 vaccination requirement:

The condition described above is:

temporary

long-term

If this is a temporary condition or medical circumstance, when it is expected to end or expire (allowing for COVID-19 vaccination to begin after the date you provided):

Medical Provider Name/Title

Medical Provider Signature

Date