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To the Family of [REDACTED],

As your 230th Sustainment Brigade Command Team, we wanted to update you and your family members on the latest guidance for your consideration to meet the directed vaccination requirements. Most importantly, we want you and your family members first to understand how important your service has been to our Nation and to our State and our Brigade Team. You have been among the small percentage of citizens in our Nation's history who have willingly "laid down the plow to pick up the rifle". It is our desire that in discussing this memorandum with your family this week, you will choose to become fully vaccinated within the required timeframe and continue in this proud service with us.

Unless otherwise exempted in accordance with Department of the Army policy, all members of the National Guard must be fully vaccinated by 30 June 2022. In the memorandum "Mandatory Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination of Department of Defense Service Members" (August 23, 2021), the SECDEF directed all 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 the National Guard. This is a lawful order and one the Tennessee Army National Guard is following.

If you have been using the available time to postpone the vaccination as you consider all information, consider the following: 1) there is no expectation that the requirement is going to change, 2) the time to complete is drawing near, 3) very few medical exemptions have been approved and even fewer religious exemptions. Given the current facts, we do not recommend relying on approval of those exemption requests to ultimately allow continued service and delaying vaccination further in hopes of exemption approval may very well create a dilemma without time to become fully vaccinated.

Soldiers who do not have a field training event scheduled prior to June 30th and who have not begun the vaccination process or do not receive their first shot during May IDT, will turn in their issued equipment during the May Drill weekend. Your unit leadership and supply managers are prepared to inventory, receive, and store this equipment in preparation for turn-in post June 30th deadline (FRAGORD 4 to 230 SB OPOD 22-35). Unless you have a valid Exception to Policy request pending, your unit will also soon provide instructions regarding your **mandatory** attendance of a final Vaccine Brief location to report to on June 4 or 5 (Milan, Smyrna, McGhee Tyson).

We will approve split drill of 1 UTA for those that choose to vaccinate at a local medical facility or pharmacy and bring in a copy of the vaccination card or the unit can schedule for your vaccination at a military facility. If you have already been vaccinated, please bring your Readiness NCO a copy of the vaccination card immediately. Note the deadlines that must be met to be fully vaccinated by June 30th.

	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Days Fully Vax
Moderna	23-May	16-June	14
Pfizer	30-May	16-June	14
J&J	16-June	(single dose)	14

Because you are important to your leadership, the 230th Sustainment Brigade, our State, and our Nation, we hope that your final decision is to meet the vaccination requirement and to continue to serve. Should you wish to speak to either of us about this, please reach out to me at 423-741-2262 or to CSM Seber at 931-432-6240. Thank you again for your service.

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