

## COVID -19 and DELTA Vaccination

To: All VVA Staff – National  
From: Matt Simmons and Alex Thompson  
CC: John Rowan, Tom Burke, Jack McManus, Bill Meeks, Wes Guirdy, Jeff Greulich  
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Re: TRICARE Beneficiaries – COVID-19 and Delta Vaccination

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### **Good morning All:**

Though, this is for TRICARE Beneficiaries: Active duty Military, National Guard and Reserve members, retirees, their families, survivors, this is to encourage all civilian participation in receiving the vaccine. Please Share!

#### **Symptoms**

<https://theconversation.com/the-symptoms-of-the-delta-variant-appear-to-differ-from-traditional-covid-symptoms-heres-what-to-look-out-for-163487>

MHS/DHA Outreach Partners:

On behalf of the Military Health System (MHS)/Defense Health Agency (DHA) Communications Division, we ask for your support deploying key information to help TRICARE beneficiaries learn more about the COVID-19 Delta variant.

The DHA developed this digital toolkit to help you communicate with beneficiaries about the Delta variant and the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine. The assorted digital and social media graphics should be used locally to generate awareness among populations

The toolkit is available here: [https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/MHS-Toolkits/TRICARE-Communications-COVID-19-Vaccine-Toolkit/Delta-Variant?utm\\_source=emailmv&utm\\_medium=toolkit20210628&utm\\_campaign=covid19delta](https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/MHS-Toolkits/TRICARE-Communications-COVID-19-Vaccine-Toolkit/Delta-Variant?utm_source=emailmv&utm_medium=toolkit20210628&utm_campaign=covid19delta)

The Delta variant has spread throughout the world and is now a variant of concern in the U.S. where it is rapidly expanding, especially in areas where vaccination rates are low.

The Delta variant

\*is more transmissible

\*causes more severe disease

\*results in higher cases of hospitalization and death than any other strain

The Delta variant is the NEW REASON for beneficiaries to get vaccinated!

Unvaccinated and partially-vaccinated people are at real risk.

Beneficiaries who have had their first dose are reminded to get their second dose.

Access second dose content

here: <https://www.health.mil/News/Gallery/Infographics/2021/06/22/COVID-19-Get-Your-Second-Shot>

Please share throughout your networks as you see fit.

Thank you and have a safe Fourth!

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