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FROM: HAF/DS
Headquarters Air Force Director of Staff
1670 Air Force Pentagon Rm 4E877
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SUBJECT: Air Force Association's (AFA) Air, Space, and Cyber Conference 2021 Attendance
Guidance for Department of the Air Force (DAF) Personnel

1. Air Force Association's Air, Space, and Cyber Conference has annually served as a seminal professional development opportunity for Airmen and Guardians. In the midst of our Nation's COVID-19 response, the 2020 conference went entirely virtual. For 2021, while in-person attendance still presents some risk to our force, families, and communities, we now have increased understanding of how the disease spreads, testing resources, treatments, health care capacity, and vaccines.
2. Therefore, in consultation with public health and policy experts, SecAF has authorized **in-person attendance only for Department of the Air Force (DAF) personnel who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19**. DAF personnel who are not fully vaccinated by the start of the conference may still attend virtually. Personnel are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after obtaining 1) their second shot of a two-dose vaccine (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna) or, 2) their shot of a one-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson's Janssen)
3. This includes vaccines that are fully approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and vaccines that are authorized under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
4. This authorization applies to the following DAF personnel:
 - a. All DAF uniformed service members (Active, Guard, Reserve), regardless of duty or travel status;
 - b. DAF civilians and contractors who are attending the conference as an "alternate duty location"; and
 - c. DAF civilians and contractors who accept AFA's gift of no cost attendance, based on their affiliation to the DAF, to the Conference.

5. SecAF may adjust this authorization (to include directing virtual-only attendance for all DAF personnel) based on changing or worsening COVID-19 conditions. Further, DAF personnel are expected to comply with travel guidance based upon vaccination status. Attendance at this conference is not considered mission critical. Previous guidance memoranda regarding alternate duty day authorization and gift acceptance still apply.
6. Finally, in addition to the authorization outlined above, each Airman and Guardian should make an informed attendance decision based on their individual family, home, and work situations.
7. Please direct any questions to my POC, Lt Col Dominik Niziol at dominik.niziol@us.af.mil.

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2 Attachments:

1. Alternate Duty Location Authorization, 1 July 2021
2. Gift Acceptance Guidance, 2 August 2021