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A civilian contractor receives a COVID-19 vaccine from Preventative Medicine Services in Fort Knox, Ky., on Sept. 9, 2021. (Jon Cherry/Getty Images)

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# Pentagon Faces Class-Action Lawsuit Over Vaccine Mandates on Military, Federal Employees and Contractors

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Service members from all five branches of the U.S. military, federal employees, and federal civilian contractors have joined in a class-action [lawsuit](#) against the Department of Defense over its COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

The 24 plaintiffs “face a deadline under the Federal COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate to receive a COVID-19 vaccine that violates their sincerely held religious beliefs, and have

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