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## Office of the Chief Information Officer

### OAST ACMS Notification

You are receiving this message because our records show that you requested an exemption from (or a temporary delay in) complying with the vaccination requirement established in Executive Order 14043. On January 21, 2022, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas issued a nationwide preliminary injunction enjoining federal agencies from implementing or enforcing President Biden's September 9, 2021 Executive Order 14043, Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees. To comply with this injunction, DHS is halting the review process for those who have requested a religious or medical exemption to the vaccine mandate. So long as the nationwide injunction is in place, an exemption to the mandate is not necessary.

While the litigation of this matter is pending, please be advised that the court's injunction does not affect workplace safety protocols related to vaccination status, such as masking, physical distancing, testing, travel, and quarantine requirements or accommodation requests regarding such protocols. Employees should continue to comply with such workplace safety protocols as directed. While we await a final disposition from the courts, we will continue to keep your exemption request on file, and we will continue to keep you updated as new guidance is received.

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