

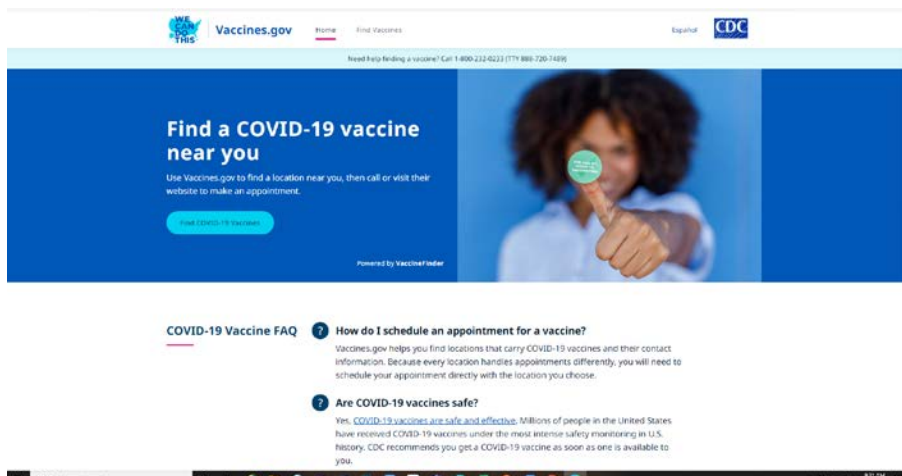
Candidate/Cadet Screening & Testing Requirements

Based on recommendations from Georgia DPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Georgia National Guard Command Surgeon, entry into the Georgia Youth Challenge Program will require the following COVID-19 vaccination/testing guidelines for candidates prior to and upon intake for a class.

It is highly recommended that all candidates get the COVID-19 vaccination prior to arrival for Intake Day activities at the Georgia Youth Challenge Program campuses.

- To be accepted for intake, the candidate must provide proof of their vaccination status according to the following dates:
 - **Vaccinated Candidates** must show proof of receipt of the COVID-19 vaccination by providing a copy of their CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card having completed the two-shot Pfizer vaccination by July 4, 2021.

[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) - Find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you



OR

- **Un-Vaccinated Candidates** must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken not earlier than 12 days prior to intake. This proof must be provided at Intake Day and may consist of an email or screenshot of the negative test result for the given candidates.

You can find your nearest coronavirus testing location at the Department of Public Health website link below. These tests are free of charge.



<https://dph.georgia.gov/covidtesting>

To comply with this testing requirement, non-vaccinated candidates must follow the following dates:

- The Fort Stewart YCA Intake Day is Sunday July 18, 2021, so your COVID-19 test should be taken after Monday July 6, 2021.
- The Fort Gordon YCA Intake Day is Monday July 19, 2021, so your COVID-19 test should be taken after Wednesday July 7, 2021.

You should arrange to have the test completed in time to have the results returned prior to the Intake Day of the campus at which you are scheduled to enroll.

- Un-vaccinated Candidates testing will be confirmed by the academy during intake to further validate their COVID-19 status. If the candidate tests positive for COVID-19, they will be isolated at the academy for the required timeframe before integrating into their platoon. Positive cadets may be returned to their family and dismissed from the class at the discretion of the Academy Director if circumstance warrant.
- Upon arrival for intake, screen the un-vaccinated candidates by taking their temperature and have them complete the COVID-19 screening questionnaire. If a candidate is flagged due to fever or response to the questionnaire, they will not proceed and must not be accepted for intake.
- Once accepted to the academy, un-vaccinated candidates will be screened at least once daily for fever and symptoms with a temperature check and questions about symptoms.