



# AVIATION SURVEY



A survey of almost 800 cabin crew, pilots, cleaners, baggage handlers and ground workers shows almost half have not been vaccinated. Coming after recent outbreaks in Sydney and across Australia have been linked to flight crew and passengers, this is an alarming reminder of the need for a national aviation plan to ensure workers are protected and the risk of further outbreaks reduced.

## VACCINATION NUMBERS



**46%**  
are not vaccinated



**ONLY 32%**  
have had both shots



**22%**  
have had one shot

## BARRIERS TO VACCINATION



**29%**

said there was limited availability/timeslots



**24%**

had difficulty finding time

“ I travelled 2 hours each way to get my shots... **total 4 hours additional driving on top of a ten hour work day and waking up that morning at 2.30am.** After getting the vaccine I got home at 11pm that day. Unbelievably exhausting. ”

“ I'm a casual and only get a roster a few days in advance. **It's impossible to book a time to be vaccinated without risking losing a day's pay.** ”

“ **We needed to be treated as frontline workers as we are just as much exposed to people / the virus as any health professionals.** Compensation needs to be given if required to isolate or quarantine given this is our job and we don't have many other choices. ”

## HOTSPOT CONCERNS



**72%** of cabin crew do not feel safe flying into hotspot locations. Of those:

**77%**

fear losing pay

**73%**

fear self-isolating at home/away from home

**71%**

worry about passing the virus to family



**54%**

of cleaners and ground crew don't feel safe servicing flights from hotspots, concerned they'll pass the virus to family or lose pay

“ Very hard for parents with small children. Don't mind if I had to stay in my home for 14 days but **I'm very fearful of getting stuck in another city and having to isolate for 14 days.** ”

“ I'm pregnant, so **I'm scared of the risk to myself and my unborn baby.** ”

“ **We're often verbally abused** because we ask passengers to put masks on. ”

## SUPPORT FOR RAPID PRE-FLIGHT TESTING



**78%**

of pilots and cabin crew are in favour of rapid pre-flight testing of workers and passengers to keep flying safe and avoid grounding of planes