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APA (NSW) Member Update: Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination **30 August 2021**

Dear member,

Last week, the Health Minister issued a Public Health Order that mandates that Paramedics and other health workers must get the COVID-19 vaccine.

As per the Public Health Order, Paramedics must get the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by **30th September 2021**, and the second dose by **30th November 2021**. During consultation APA (NSW) raised concerns about these dates not providing sufficient time for some Paramedics.

In addition, on Friday NSW Health announced that **workers living in an LGA of concern who have to leave their LGA for work** must have their first vaccine dose by **6th September 2021**.

We will be working with NSW Ambulance and NSW Health to discuss how exemptions for those with medical contraindications will be implemented.

According to the industrial and legal advice we have sought on this mandate, NSW Health is fulfilling its WH&S obligations by mandating the vaccine.

Our member survey indicated that over 75% of APA (NSW) members support mandatory vaccinations and over 85% have already been vaccinated.

If you are not vaccinated with your first dose by the 6th or 30th September 2021, depending on your LGA, you will not be able to work as a Paramedic.

If you have concerns about being able to access the first dose of the vaccine by the 6th or 30th September 2021, depending on your LGA, please contact APA (NSW) immediately.

This is a stressful time for every Paramedic and dispatcher. Make sure you look out for each other. Please contact APA (NSW) if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

APA (NSW) Executive

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