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PUB STAFF BACK VACCINATIONS – AHA NSW STAFF SURVEY

Hotel staff across NSW have overwhelmingly backed the Premier's calls for double vaccination.

More than 6500 staff members have so far responded to the AHA NSW COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Survey with their views on vaccinations;

- 55.7% said they will be fully vaccinated by the end of October.
- 28.2% said they intend to be vaccinated
- 9.5% were undecided
- 6.6% said they did not intend to be vaccinated

More than 63.5 % of staff members surveyed believe it should be a requirement for all hotel employees to be fully vaccinated.

AHA NSW CEO John Whelan said it was obvious a clear majority of hotel staff want to work in a vaccinated environment – and want to get back to work.

“Hotels have been in the economic front-line since the start of the pandemic and it’s really encouraging to see such a large percentage of our staff are already fully or partly vaccinated,” Mr Whelan said.

“It shows how keen staff are to return to work, throw open the doors to your local and do what they do best, serve patrons in a safe, friendly environment.

“The Premier has now set the 70% benchmark, and on current vaccination rates we’ll hopefully reach that in the next six weeks.

“We’ve all had enough of living like this. If you want to get down to the pub when we re-open, get vaccinated now. You’ll need two jabs and you don’t want to be left out when things finally open up.”

The survey respondents came from across Greater Sydney and regional NSW. It was sent out to AHA NSW member hotels in late August.

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