

ADVERSE EVENTS VACCINE INJURIES
Airline Crew

Australia and New Zealand

At the end of this list is correspondence from CASA who have been notified of this serious growing situation. If you are not looking for data you won't find the problems.

QF Qantas
JQ Jetstar
FA Flight Attendant
FO First Officer (Co-pilot)

JQ NZ FO reports searing chest pains to another Qantas group pilot following Pfizer booster shot. Elects to keep quiet and continue flying to avoid being grounded.

15/1/22

Jetstar Captain reports neurological disorders following first Pfizer jab. Pins and needles in hands and feet, numbness, loss of ability to sleep. Discolouration of extremities. Shortness of breath. Symptoms persisting for several months so far. Physician confirms jab related. Declines to offer exemption for fear of de-registration.

14/1/22

Anecdotal reports of several Jetstar pilots concealing mild cardiac symptoms from departmental physicians in order to avoid being grounded.

12/1/22

QF 737 Captain reports resting heart rate has gone from 83 to 113 beats per minute following second AZ jab.

10/1/22

JQ 787 Captain. Nurse hits tendon with Pfizer second shot. Tendon becomes infected, arm immobilised, pilot unable to raise arm above shoulder since June 2021.

15/12/21

Another ex RAAF CASA Cathay JQ Check captain relates serious cardiac effects following both first and 2nd jab.

12/12/21

2 x QLD Qantas link pilots return to flying following myocarditis after jab

10/12/21

QF A330 Captain loses medical following detection of cardiac anomalies soon after double vaccination

5/12/21

JQ 787 check captain initials (J.C.) has lost his medical after the booster, they are had to defibrillate his heart back to rhythm, luckily for this pilot he can train pilots on the ground in the simulator, grounded from Actual Flying. This particular pilot's wife suffered exactly the same, nothing from initial two doses, the booster was the problem.

2/12/21

Qantas FA ADL based dies three days after 2nd jab

30/11/21

From Network pilot

"Network apprentice engineer had a severe adverse reaction to 1st jab which put him in hospital. To combat that they had a team of Doctors s apparently standing over him for the second jab.... "

20/11/21

Virgin pilot incapacitated prior to departure ex Coondewanna mine in W.A

12/11/21

QF group engineer suffers heart attack while scuba diving, fails to surface and drowns

13/11/21

Perth Airport Fireman has blood clot cut from his hand after 2nd Pfizer jab.

13/11/21

Qantas aircraft engineer has cardiac event after first Pfizer jab. Cardiologist advises against 2nd jab. Qantas refuses Medical exemption.

5/11/21

Reports a QF Perth Captain with a fist sized cold sore on his face ending up in hospital for three days narrowly avoiding sepsis

4/11/21

Qantas UK FA's assisting stricken EP's instructor in Qantas UK base, after she collapses during training course.

1/11/21

QF Melbourne 737 chronic 'agonising' Joint Inflammation following 2nd Pfizer

15/10/21

Virgin pilot on long term sick leave myocarditis following jab

30/10/21

Virgin flight attendant has heart attack on flight descending into Proserpine QLD

21/10/21

An employee based at FMGs Christmas Creek mine collapsed with a heart attack on QF flight heading back to Perth last night. He was recently jabbed for the second time.

18/10/21

QF BNE 737 FO off for 5 months with pulmonary embolism after 2nd Pfizer

15/10

At least 2 cabin crew at VA with severe neurological reactions after first jab

7/10/21

VA Brisbane Pilot with heart palpitations after first shot, long term sick leave

5/10/21

Network Fokker 100, Capt brain aneurism early Oct 2021. Coma, life support. Terminal prognosis. Dies early December 2021.

4/10/21

VA pilot on long term sick leave with myocarditis following vaccination

1/10/21

QF domestic FA collapses at her station in flight and has to be defibrillated after suffering cardiac event (double pfizered)

15/9

VA Captain flying in Perth, adverse reaction, continually unwell, using 5 sick day rule to circumvent getting a DAMae medical clearance. (Fly 1 day, take 4 sick)

5/9/21

QF 737 co pilot Blood Clotting incident in lower leg during flight from PER to HBA (or vice versa)

August/September 2021

A330 diversion to DRW Aug/September, 2021 -Capt Heart palpitations

August 2021

QF MEL Captain reports high blood pressure following AZ 2nd shot.

July 2021

Jetstar First Officer Boeing 787, 51 y.o initials (D.H.) based Gold Coast, fit triathlete reporting lack of energy after second shot, thinks he's being lazy, pushes himself to do swim training, drowns, post mortem cites Cardiac Arrest.

JQ Capt R leg swells twice size can't walk for 5 days following Moderna booster, double Pfizer were the initial shots.

2 JQ pilots reporting amongst themselves heart issues, ayrythmia and palpitations, One taking Panadol and ibuprofen, all remaining silent. Initials (D.H.) (M.H.)

New Zealand.

Role Fleet Event

FO 787 Lost medical

CP 787 Heart issues, kept medical

SO 787 Significant chest issues after first dose. COVID symptoms after second dose

FO A320 Cardiac issues after second jab. Won't be getting booster

CP ATR Mild Atrial Fibrillation AF about 6wks after the booster. This was looked at by a Cardiologist and deemed random. No CARM report and no medical suspension.

CP ATR 3 days of vice like headaches immediately after the second dose, sick leave taken but no CARM report. Not keen on the booster.

FO ATR Completely debilitating COVID symptoms after the second dose. Around a week off work with medical assistance sought, CARM report was made and their marriage partner was required to take a COVID test.

FA ATR Cellulitis in the jabbed arm from shoulder to elbow. Medical assistance sought but resolved itself in a couple of days. Not sure about the CARM report.

FA ATR Bells-Palsy and tingling stroke type symptoms immediately after shot 1 continuing for some weeks then a large clot in one leg. Alive but not happy with further shots.

Flight Attendant Q300 Hospital after second jab

FO Q300 Bells Palsy, medivac to Wellington hospital

FO Q300 Heart and liver issues while on TG overnight

CP Q300 Rushed to hospital 24 hours after first dose. Pericarditis, lost medical

GND All Experienced brain fog, headaches, vision issue, heart palpitation, extreme fatigue. Also hearing problems as in noise affects her and she needs to be in a dark room

An email was sent to Aviation Medical Department of CASA the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, 10th Feb, See below

After receiving some dismissive responses, I replied with...

Thank you for your response. Interestingly you have failed to address some key questions.

Please answer accordingly.

- There are currently No "approved" vaccines in Australia, there are however "provisionally approved vaccines". Your website indicates "approved" which is not accurate and which is a significantly different definition from the TGA website. Please address this discrepancy, it is misleading.
- It is now clear from reports and personal experience that there are current line pilots for Qantas, Jetstar and Virgin who have, or who are experiencing cardiac side effects of vaccination, this is concerning.
- What you are suggesting (from your previous answer) is that an individual pilot's non medical "Self assessment" is the last line of defence for the safety-of-flight. Bear in mind, a pilot may have taken the vaccines under duress in order to keep their job. Vaccinations have been mandated across the industry and coercion has been employed to force compliance.
- Can the travelling air passenger be expected to believe that the very person who's salary and flying status is wholly dependent on them Not any adverse reactions to vaccination, be confident that they will self report, with the potential to be grounded and unemployed?

It appears from your response that this is the case. This would be a breathtakingly naive approach for a Safety Regulator to take in dealing with the introduction of an mRNA "provisionally approved vaccination".

I would further appreciate if you would identify yourself in any further communication.

In Response

Dr Tony Hochberg, wrote 23/Feb/2022

Further response to emails 31/01/2022 and 10/02/2022 [?] Avmed has noted your 10/02/2022 request to update the Covid vaccination fact sheet link to have the word 'conditionally' inserted. Our view is the wording is sufficiently clear to convey CASA's position and reasons. Readers are also referred to further information including referencing the TGA website and TGA definitions if they so wish to do so for further clarification. [?] Avmed has assessed the balance of TGA quoted vaccination reactions against the very high risk of acquiring COVID disease and complications and, in line with our significant partner international aviation authorities and ICAO, considers the risks of vaccination well within acceptable aviation risk - commonly quoted as the 1% rule for Class 1 medical flying privileges. [?]

Avmed does not agree with your comment that an individual pilot's "non-medical self assessment" is the "last line of defence for the safety-of-flight". Airline passenger operations are typically multi-crew with sophisticated Safety Management Systems, overlaid with airline policy and safety checks. Pilots also have access to medical teams in airlines or advice by way of virtual or face to face medical consultations, GPs and DAMEs as well as state/international border, public health and airport checks. [?]

In respect of your comment "Can the travelling air passenger be expected to believe that the very person who's salary and flying status is wholly dependent on them not disclosing any adverse reactions to vaccination, be confident that they will self report, with the potential to be grounded and unemployed?"

Avmed has not received any reports of adverse effects from the vaccine affecting commercial pilots who have not applied the self-assessment obligations for pilots which are well established and robust. As aviation professionals, commercial pilots are well aware as a rule of their obligations and, in any event, loss of licence medical insurance cover is held by commercial airline pilots to protect against the effects of medical incapacity. While Avmed continues to monitor any developments regarding COVID 19 vaccinations, there are no current indicators that the matters you have raised have resulted in any reduction in safety assurance or have presented any current concerns in respect of commercial pilots complying with their obligations as medical certificate holders.

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Our recommendation is that, CASA immediately initiate a cardiac screening program on ALL pilots, irrespective of age, using a 24 hr continuous cardiac monitor, including time spent at altitude.