

COVID-19 Safety Planning

Lifesaving

Effective 7 December 2020

Any Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) in NSW **MUST** complete a 'COVID-19 Safety Plan' for lifesaving activities, follow the current COVID-19 Public Health Orders and manage risks to SLS members, staff and other people in accordance with Work Health and Safety laws. This plan will be one of several in place for the SLSC as separate COVID-19 Safety Plans should be developed for each portfolio area in addition to the different facility areas operating within a SLSC. Clubs with an indoor gym must complete the COVID-19 Safety Plan for gyms and register their business through nsw.gov.au. Clubs with a food or drink premise must complete the COVID-19 Safety Plan for restaurants and cafes and/or pubs and clubs and register their business through nsw.gov.au.

SLNSW has developed this contextualised COVID-19 Safety Plan template for lifesaving based on the [general version](#) released by the NSW Government. The requirements have been reworded and contextualised for Surf Life Saving. This template is shared in a tool kit format. Clubs are expected to edit, add in or remove specific requirements and actions related to their local operating environment. **The template provides ideas and considerations only and is not a comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan for all lifesaving activities.**

This template will be reviewed by SLNSW on a regular basis. It is important to note that it is the club's responsibility to ensure their COVID Safety Plans are kept up to date and that they meet the relevant legislative and compliance requirements.

1 Create and Complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan

You **MUST** create and complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan in consultation with your Club Management Team, then share it with them. This will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and reassure SLS members, staff and other people that they can safely visit the SLSC. You should update the plan to be more specifically tailored to your SLSC and you should update it in the future, as restrictions and advice changes.

The plan has the following focus areas for clubs as a guide to create and complete their own COVID-19 Safety Plan:

- Wellbeing of members, staff, and other people
- Physical distancing
- Hygiene and cleaning
- Record keeping

2 Show that the SLSC is COVID Safe

The final step is showing that your SLSC is doing its part to keep our community COVID Safe:

- download and display your COVID Safe posters and make your SLS members, staff and other people feel confident
- share your completed COVID-19 Safety Plan with your SLS Club Management Team, staff and members to ensure their wellbeing
- display your COVID Safe badge on your digital and social channels such as Facebook and Google Maps
- train SLS members and staff to act in a COVID Safe way.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Surf Life Saving Club details	
Surf Life Saving Club:	Stockton
Plan completed by:	Callan Nickerson – Presidents & Covid-19 Safety Coordinator
Plan approved by:	Stockton SLSC Executive Committee
Plan effective:	
Supporting Literature:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SLSNSW COVID-19 Webpage 2. SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix 3. SLSNSW COVID-19 Information Pack: Lifesaving 4. NSW Government Website

Important to note

Surf Lifesaving Clubs in NSW should refer to the latest *SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix for all SLS Activities* and *SLSNSW COVID-19 Information pack: Lifesaving* when updating their COVID-19 Safety Plan with appropriate action items.

The latest versions of these resources are available on the [SLSNSW COVID-19 Website](#).

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Requirements for SLSC

Requirements for your SLSC and the actions you will put in place to keep your SLS members, staff and other people safe.

Requirements	Actions
Wellbeing of SLS members, staff and other people	
Exclude SLS members, staff and other people who are unwell or who have travelled overseas or to a designated hotspot in the last 14 days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display signage with large font and/or images at entry points requesting those who are unwell not to enter the building or designated space and participate in activities. • Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels that people who are unwell should not attend or participant in SLS activities. • Screen members, staff and other people upon entry with non-contact infrared forehead thermometers for signs of fever (temperature greater than 37.5°C)

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<p>Provide SLS members, staff and others with information and training on COVID-19, including when to get tested, physical distancing and cleaning, and how to manage a sick person or victim.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer people to COVID-19: What It Is, How to Prevent Spread online awareness course (Est. Duration 5-7 minutes) created by SLSA eLearning provider eTrainu • Refer people to the eLearning course for COVID-19 infection control training (Est. Duration 30 minutes) created in partnership by The NSW Department of Health and Aspen Medical. • Refer people to the NSW Health public COVID-19 Clinics and free COVID-19 GP Respiratory Clinics in NSW. • Communicate regularly with SLS members, staff and other people to remind everyone that if they have any COVID-19 symptoms they must get tested and self-isolate until they get their results, and not attend any SLS activities. The same applies if they have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID019 case' • Create a communications plan that includes a schedule of communications as well as the appropriate communication tools, e.g., social media, email, SMS, SurfGuard • Regularly update and refer members to your SLSC or SLSNSW COVID-19 updates webpage—have their messaging align. • Include a small reference and hyperlink to this with any club newsletters to avoid over-saturation of COVID-19 messages and only draw more attention to the webpages when significant changes have been made, e.g., following NSW Government updates. • review the SLSA DRSABCD during COVID-19 poster (as per COVID-19 Lifesaving Information pack v1 28 Aug 2020). • Refer members to watch SLSA's 2-minute video on donning and doffing PPE to reduce the risk of infection and review the SLSA COVID-19 Patient Treatment Guidelines (as per COVID-19 Lifesaving Information pack v1 28 Aug 2020).
<p>Display conditions of entry for members or visitors (website, social media, venue entry).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display how many people can safely be within each club room, the club itself and designated areas. • Display conditions of entry at all club entry points as well as on club websites and social media pages, e.g., in social media and webpage banners. • Make it clear where club entry points are before members arrive, e.g., by displaying them on webpages and social media accounts • Display signs at entrances and exits to rooms or designated spaces with the maximum safe capacity for that space or room
<p>Physical Distancing</p>	
<p>Adhere to the maximum capacity and physical distancing restrictions outlined in the latest NSW government public health orders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly check the NSW Government Public Health Orders and restrictions website • Measure the square footage of an indoor space and calculate its safe capacity. For example, indoor training rooms, first aid rooms, changing rooms and lockers. • Display signs at entrances with the maximum safe capacity for that space or room and have strategies in place to reduce crowding and promote physical distancing. • Ensure the number of people in a facility does not exceed one person per 2 square metres of space (excluding staff). • Count people as they enter and leave the premises • Have table and seating arrangements laid out to separate different groups of people and disperse them throughout the area/facility • Move or remove seating and tables as required to comply with physical distancing

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<p>Put plans and systems in place to monitor and control the numbers of SLS members, staff and other people on site at any given time to allow for physical distancing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule training times and group sizes to alternate days, e.g., Nippers from 4-5 and ski training from 4.30-5.30. • Assign workers to specific workstations and minimise worker movement between these stations, where reasonably practical. If not practical, clean stations with detergent and disinfectant between use • Limit the number of enrolments for skills maintenance sessions on patrol • Where practical, stagger the use of communal facilities. • Strongly encourage everyone to shower/change at home where possible.
<p>Use flexible working arrangements where possible, such as working from home, other locations, or working early or late nights to reduce peak periods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support, encourage and use videoconferencing where possible • Stagger start and finish times • Have alternating work teams if cannot work from home or other locations
<p>Where reasonably practical, ensure members maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing at all times. If members are not able to physically distance, or work in a role with significant public interaction, strongly recommend they wear a face mask if practical.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move or block access to equipment to support 1.5 metres of physical distance between people. • Move or remove seating and tables as required to comply with physical distancing • Restrict people entering or standing around in spaces without designated seating that complies with physical distancing • Encourage wearing a facemask in ongoing communication to reduce community transmission • Refer members to the NSW Government webpage on facemasks for more information on the different types of masks, why wear a mask, as well as how and when to wear one. • Remind members that a mask is not a substitute for good hand hygiene and physical distancing • Encourage having one person in a SSV at a time • Practice physical distancing except when providing emergency assistance where PPE should be used where possible to minimise risk (as per SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix v1.2 15 Oct 2020) • Where possible, instruct the patient to self treat. For adjustments made to resuscitation, see the SLSA COVID-19 DRABCD poster. Refer to First Aid and Rescue Protocols section of COVID-19 Information Pack: Lifesaving for more detail. (as per SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix v1.2 15 Oct 2020) • Splitting patrolling groups into morning and afternoon shifts ensuring the minimum required qualifications are adhered to. (as per SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix v1.2 15 Oct 2020) • Setting up an outpost/satellite patrol to spread both patrolling members and provide additional safe swimming areas for the community. This should be done in conjunction with the relevant land manager (as per SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix v1.2 15 Oct 2020) • Setting out surveillance patrols away from the main patrol area (flagged area) (as per SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix v1.2 15 Oct 2020)
<p>Use telephone or video platforms for essential meetings where practical.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule club committee and any other meetings via Zoom or Microsoft Teams when sharing documents or screens is required. • Arrange teleconferences to avoid
<p>Consider signage near crowding points directing people to maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practical.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display signs near lifts, stairs and ramps to advise and recommend physical distancing.

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<p>Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises, or in meeting or break rooms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider where patrol briefings and debriefings take place • Use signage, tape on the floor or other visual communication tools to designate areas for participants and spectators, as well as how they move through the spaces to avoid co-mingling, e.g., create pathways lines on the floor or with flags to guide people along a pathway to or from areas • Have markings or signage in place to designate directions of pedestrian traffic on the ground and at eye-level • Have signage with large font and/or images to indicate pick up and drop off zones, and no-gathering zones within and around the surf club—include this information in any communications • Stagger start and finish times of SLS activities to prevent crowding at entries, exits and drop off or pick up points. • Remind members of the ‘get in, get active and get out’ • Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels areas for spectators to gather safely as well as how they should move between places to avoid gatherings and maintain safe physical distancing, e.g., advise spectators where and how is best to park and congregate before, during and after a surf sports or training event.
<p>Hygiene and Cleaning</p>	
<p>Provide hand sanitizer at multiple locations throughout the workplace.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean your hands as per recommendations from NSW Health – shown in their posters (6 steps, 20 seconds). • Wash hands before and after touching things • Avoid sharing frequently touched items • Monitor and replace hand sanitizer regularly
<p>Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels or hand dryers, and have posters with instructions on how to wash hands.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently restock bathrooms with hand soap and paper towels. • Have an air dryer installed in bathroom to reduce the need for paper towel deliveries
<p>Clean frequently used areas at least daily with detergent and disinfectant. Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces several times per day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces several times per day, e.g., door handles. • Shared equipment should be cleaned thoroughly between use (i.e. at the end of each session, or more frequency if deemed necessary following your risk assessment) with warm soapy water or disinfectant. • Encourage member to bring their own food, drinks and equipment to minimise cleaning of shared resources • Ensure processes are in place to clean or launder shared clothing items after use, such as wetsuits, rash shirts and caps used for training or water safety as well as PPE for IRB crews. • Reduce sharing of equipment (including SLS equipment, hire equipment, tools and machinery used at the SLSC) where practical and ensure these are cleaned with detergent and disinfectant between use.
<p>Maintain disinfectant solutions at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturers’ instructions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow manufacturer’s instructions for disinfectant solutions
<p>SLS members and staff should wash hands thoroughly before and after cleaning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear gloves and other PPE whilst carrying out cleaning duties. • Hand hygiene/sanitation is essential, as is the use of gloves whilst administering first aid. The use of protective eyewear (e.g. sunglasses or goggles) is also encouraged. View the SLSC video on donning and doffing PPE. (as per SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix v1.2 15 Oct 2020)
<p>Record keeping</p>	

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<p>Keep a name and contact number for all staff, visitors and contractors for a period of at least 28 days. Where possible, personal details should be collected in a way that protects it from disclosure to other customers. Records are only to be used for tracing COVID-19 infections and must be stored confidentially and securely. QR Code sign-in is encouraged.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or all the following methods will be used to capture this data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Create an online form plus a QR code to increase accessibility and availability of real time data – Use club house door access – Create a paper based register to capture this with people using their own pens where possible – Encourage members to download and use the Service NSW app • Paper sign-in is permitted, but premises must digitise these within 24 hours and provide immediately on request. QR Code using the Service NSW app sign-in is encouraged. • Patrol Captains must ensure that all patrolling members (including visiting members) are signed in through the Patrol Log or SLS Operations App (as per SLSNSW COVID-19 Matrix v1.2 15 Oct 2020)
<p>Make your SLS members, staff and other people aware of the COVIDSafe app and its benefits to support contact tracing if required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be promoted through the existing communication channels
<p>Cooperate with NSW Health if contacted in relation to a positive case of COVID-19 at your SLSC and notify SafeWork NSW on 13 10 50.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club's President will notify SafeWork NSW on 13 10 50 and be the first point of contact should this occur • Also contact the SLSNSW Media Team on 0405 203 764. You will be provided with our COVID-19 Media Response Plan for Surf Life Saving.