



## LEADING IN INNOVATION

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# MEMORANDUM

<b>To</b>	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers, Interested Parties
<b>From</b>	Director of Lifesaving and Education, Support Operations Manager
<b>CC</b>	BOM, LSEC, SSC, JDC, MSC, Branch Sub Committees
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<b>Subject</b>	Novel Coronavirus (COVID –19)

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Surf Life Saving Sydney is closely monitoring the situation in relation to COVID 19 (Novel Coronavirus) and working closely with Surf Life Saving NSW and Surf Life Saving Australia to ensure that the appropriate updates and information are passed onto and actioned by clubs.

At this stage, the situation is generally evolving, and we will continue to follow the advice from the relevant authorities, monitor the situation and update Clubs and Services as appropriate. The advice in relation to actions Clubs and Services should take is as per the attached circular released by SLSA, which is attached to this email.

Members are asked to follow the instructions and cautions outlined in the circulars and reminded to stay away from the beaches if you are feeling unwell. Clubs are encouraged to share this information with their Patrol Captains and Management teams.

- Use issued PPE as per existing protocols with all patients
- If a patient exhibits flu like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing) and/or if it is established that the patient has a high temperature over 38 degrees, withdraw from activities immediately and notify your Patrol Captain
- Patrol Captains should notify SurfCom on 02 9471 8092 and follow instructions for patient and patrol members. DO NOT broadcast information regarding suspected cases of people with Coronavirus over the radio network
- DO NOT treat suspected persons with coronavirus in Surf Club First Aid rooms or other areas of the Club, unless there is a dedicated room and the surf lifesaver is wearing appropriate PPE.
- Patrolling Members suspected to be directly exposed to confirmed Coronavirus cases should thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water and follow existing SOPs, then self-isolate and seek medical attention.



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### General message

- Pay attention to hand hygiene. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating, and avoid touching your face
- Practice cough etiquette by coughing or sneezing into your elbow or using a tissue. Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards
- Avoid close contact with others, such as touching, shaking hands, hugging and kissing
- Regularly wipe down surfaces
- Face masks are not recommended for use by members of the public, although anyone who wants to be cautious can of course choose to wear one
- If you feel unwell and develop a fever or shortness of breath, a cough, sore throat or respiratory illness do not come to work, surf club, patrols or events and contact your doctor.

Currently SLSNSW is receiving advice from NSW Health and at this stage we have not been advised to cancel any event where there is a mass gathering of people. Individual clubs should consider whether to postpone or cancel planned member events or Nipper activities where appropriate.

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