

CIRCULAR

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To	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Club COVID Safety Officers
From	President, Peter Agnew ESM
CC	BOM, LSEC, SSC, JDC, MSC
Subject	SLSS COVID-19 Update – Season Start Up Activity

Background

Surf Life Saving Sydney has been working with clubs to ensure safe practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. This circular compliments [Circular 04 SLSS COVID-19 Facility Management Club Openings](#). It provides content that clubs may like to add to their club COVID19 Safety Plan.

The SLS Sydney Board of Management have reviewed safety information provided by peak bodies and Surf Life Saving and considers that most activity will proceed with basic safety measures and planning in place. This will change if NSW changes its public health orders because of increased infection rates.

General operational principles

1. Have an appointed Club COVID-19 Safety Coordinator (see role description in [Circular 04](#))
2. Add to your club COVID Safety Plan the operational area that you will be undertaking (eg education, juniors and patrols). SLS Sydney will provide these additional check list items as they are developed. Concepts of these guidelines are listed in the table below.

Universal principles referenced in the table below include:

- Capping numbers of entry to 4 m² for the floor space used and maintaining social distancing of 1.5m
- Registration of those using area/attending the activity (tag or sign in, QR Code)
- Hand and hygiene sterilization available, promoted and used
- Realistic self-cleaning guidelines for equipment including shared equipment where possible
- Safety promotional posters and material in areas of usage to describe guidelines
- Monitoring of guidelines and cleaning

These principles are a suitable guide for each activity.

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Area	Current advice as at 21 June 2020	Season Start Up Development Concepts
Clubhouses/ Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLS Sydney Circular 04 provides details on gym, shower and bar use. Clubs can open as directed by their Management Committee from 13 July under guidelines of Circular 04 <p>Register as a COVID Safe Organisation via simple online process https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe-businesses</p>	<p>Provided to clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 Safety Officer position description provided COVID-19 Safety plan COVID-19 Safety Posters <p>Version 1.4 of COVID-19 Safety Plan updated on website with Junior Checklist</p>
Lifesaving	<p>Clubs should be preparing for normal life saving operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare gear for gear inspection Undertake roster development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circular 05 details gear inspection date and pre gear inspection meeting date. Follow universal principals above for gatherings and workshops. A COVID update will be provided to Club Lifesaving Officers at the start of season workshop along with the added checklist content for patrols to be included in your COVID-Safety Plan
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non 'high risk' contact award training and assessment may recommence now. This can include BM, SRC and Powercraft. Higher risk activity such as resuscitation, pick ups and carries, shared radio use should be delayed until the reasonable adjustment and safety guidelines are issues by SLSNSW in July. Clubs should plan for normal skills maintenance, award training and programs. For urgent training and assessment requirements before the establishment of higher risk guidelines contact Craig Howie the Education Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor classes should follow universal principles above. Outdoor and aquatic activity may recommence following universal guidelines above. Lower risk connected activity such as tube rescue, first aid simulated treatments may be undertaken. Guidelines for higher risk activity will be provided in July. Skills maintenance guidelines will be provided prior to season start. A COVID update will be provided at the start of season CTO workshop.
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports training is able to be undertaken for groups of 20 people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym usage guidelines are located in Circular 04 Follow universal principles above

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs should plan for the usual resumption of sport and carnivals at the start of the season. SLSNSW seeking exemption to undertake IRB competition/training etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SLSNSW Return to Sports Plan provides good advice. Several IRB events have been tentatively rescheduled for August and September and are defined in this circular.
Juniors (Nippers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs should be planning to recommence their nipper activity at the start of the season. Clubs should be undertaking pre-season activity as normal. Booking in swim tests, registration. Young people are considered as lower risk for cross infection so social distancing and use of shared equipment will be more relaxed - we are expecting formal advice to indicate more relaxed guidelines on this on July 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Activity Circular 06 has been sent to JDC members and includes general advice for season start up The universal principles above should be applied to adults for activity such as registration, spectators, and BBQs etc An itemised checklist will be provided to JDC Officers for inclusion in the club COVID-19 Safety Plan. A COVID-19 Safety Officer should be appointed and be in attendance on the day. A COVID Safety Briefing will be held early July at Branch Office - Date TBC An itemised checklist will be provided to JDC Officers for inclusion in the club COVID-19 Safety Plan. Extra Age Manager Courses will be delivered by Branch to assist with extra members on the beach, and following universal principals above.

Missing something?

Are we missing something that requires greater clarification to enable you to get started for the season? If so, let us know and we will update it where possible -

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Developed guidelines yourself?

If you have developed your own club safety guidelines or material that other clubs would benefit from please share it with us so we can share it with others. Clubdevelopment@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

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