



Hunter Surf Life Saving

COVID-19 Safety Plan - Lifesaving

Surf Life Saving Club details	
Surf Life Saving Club:	Hunter Branch
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Requirements	Actions
Wellbeing of SLS members, staff and other people	
Members are asked not to attend to any Surf Life Saving related activities if they have been near an identified hotspot or are a close contact of someone who has been at near a hotspot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure this requirement is clearly communicated to members before the session. Ensure members are aware that the NSW Government has implemented restrictions on those who have been in Victoria to assist containing this and may introduce further restrictions for those who have travelled through NSW hotspots.
Communicate regularly with SLS members, staff and other people to remind everyone that they should not come to the SLSC if unwell with respiratory symptoms or fever. Encourage testing of anyone with symptoms in line with advice from NSW Health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Reference and hyperlink to SLS NSW COVID19 page and HSLs Covid info.
Display conditions of entry (website, social media, venue entry). Consider displaying the maximum number of people allowed in each room/space shown online and at a clear place of entry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training room is allowed 15 people. Conditions of entry are displayed entry point of office as well as on club websites and social media pages, e.g., in social media and webpage banners. Display signs at entrances and exits to rooms or designated spaces with the maximum safe capacity for that space or room
Ensure COVID-19 Safety Plans are in place, where relevant, for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnasiums Indoor recreation facilities Major recreation facilities Restaurants, bars and cafes, kiosks and canteens Swimming pools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete program and facility specific COVID-19 Safety Plans Review COVID-19 Safety Plans on a weekly basis in consultation with the appointed COVID Safe Coordinator and key members. NSW Health posters on mental health posted around the office



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<p>Ensure processes are in place to exclude people if they have attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website (nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closely monitor the information on the NSW Health Website • Communicate with members that any person who has attended any of the reported locations listed on the NSW Health Website may not attend SLS activities and locations. • Clearly communicate the SLS organisation's position on this matter.
<p>Exclude SLS members, staff and other people who are unwell.</p>	<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 participate in SLS activities.
<p>If hiring out areas of your SLSC, consult with the clients to address these requirements to understand what measures may already be in place.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a copy of your COVID Safety Plan to anyone hiring a club venue • Consult with the clients to address these requirements to understand what measures may already be in place on a case-by-case basis. • Have clients sign a declaration that includes how they will address COVID-19 safety measures and that they understand measures already in place.
<p>Make SLSC staff (where applicable) aware of their leave entitlements if they are sick or required to self-isolate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate leave entitlements internally to the relevant staff members by the Board of Management.
<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. • Recommend testing if someone has a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath and meets the current testing criteria.
<p>Physical Distancing</p>	
<p>Assess the safe capacity of communal facilities (one person per 4 square metres of space), such as offices, meeting or training rooms, showers, change 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure the square footage of a room or designated training space and calculate its safe capacity by allocating one person per 4 square meters • Restrict access to showers, change rooms and to reduce the risk of infection as unable to maintain regular cleaning in these areas. • Communicate with members that they should shower and change at their personal residence • Include links to the NSW Health videos on the club website where possible, e.g., physical distancing
<p>Capacity must not exceed one customer per 4 square metres of space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count customers as they enter and leave the premises • Move or remove seating and tables as required to comply with physical distancing • Have table and seating arrangements laid out to separate different groups of people and disperse them throughout the area/facility • Have a maximum seating arrangement for a group of up to 30 people at the one table in a food or drink area



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	<p>within the limits of a safe area capacity (One person per 4 square meters of space)</p>
<p>Consider strategies encouraging people to take breaks outside, where practical in sufficiently shaded areas, or warm sheltered areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels that members should take breaks outside when possible in sufficiently shaded areas, or warm sheltered areas. • Place signage with large font and/or images in break areas outside where practicable to indicate that they are a good place to take a break while social distancing
<p>Ensure gym, sport, recreation or any other classes, or sport activities, have no more than 20 participants, plus the instructor and any assistants, per space and comply with one person per 4 square metres of space. E.g., no more than 20 junior participants plus a coach, water safety personnel or age manager.</p> <p>There may be multiple classes in a room if there is sufficient space to accommodate this and the classes remain separate. Ensure participants maintain 1.5 metres physical distance where practical.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict gym entry to up to 20 members if the space safely allows within the limits of a safe area capacity (One person per 4 square meters of space) • Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels the safe capacity limits of the club gym and conditions of gym entry. • Update gymnasium form templates available on SLS Members Area Document Library (WHS) to align with new COVID-19 restrictions.
<p>Ensure the number of people in a facility does not exceed one person per 4 square metres of space (including staff, members and spectators) to a maximum of 500 people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels the maximum number of people allowed in a club at any one time • Where possible through electronic means, restrict the number of people allowed to enter the club to the safe area capacity (One person per 4 square meters of space)
<p>Have strategies in place to prevent parents, participants and/or spectators from co-mingling between groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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>Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises or after an activity has finished. Such as with drop off and pick up zones or staggered start/finish times.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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’
<p>Implement and take reasonable steps for children and young person’s activities and recreation, to ensure parents supervising or supporting children are physically distancing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use signage, tape on the floor or other visual communication tools to designate areas for junior activities and their parent 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 • Make announcements over loudhailers or loudspeakers • 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.,



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	<p>advise spectators where and how is best to park and congregate before, during and after a surf sports or training event.</p>
<p>Manage delivery times to minimise the number of vehicles and people in loading dock areas. Designate a space where they can carry out their duties at a safe distance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designate a space where they can carry out their duties at a safe distance. • Stagger drop-off and pick-up times of deliveries to prevent crowding at entries, exits and drop off or pick up points.
<p>Most lifts can safely take 2 to 4 people providing people can stand apart; display signs near lifts to advise and recommend physical distancing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display signs near lifts to advise and recommend physical distancing
<p>Move or block access to equipment to support 1.5 metres of physical distance between people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move or block access to equipment to support 1.5 metres of physical distance between people.
<p>Move or remove seating and tables as required to comply with physical distancing. Alcohol can only be consumed by seated customers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict people entering or standing around in spaces without designated seating that complies with physical distancing • Display signage with large font and/or images that alcohol may only be consumed by seated customers
<p>Provide visual aids above hand wash basins to support effective physical distancing, e.g., NSW Government Posters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place government posters where appropriate at areas with hand washing and sanitation facilities as well as at entries and exits to area. • Include links to the NSW Health videos on the club website where possible, e.g., good hygiene starts here
<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"> • Ask all staff, volunteers, participants, contractors and other people to provide a record of their name and a mobile number or email address to support COVID-19 tracing before entering the building if this information is not captured through electronic lock systems • Schedule training times and group sizes to alternate days, e.g., Nippers from 4-5 and ski training from 4.30-5.30.
<p>Reduce crowding wherever possible and promote physical distancing with markers on the floor, including where people are asked to queue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place markers on the floor where appropriate, to guide the flow of pedestrian traffic and inform people where and how to queue 1.5 m apart from each other if required, e.g., outside cafes, BBQs, registration areas • Have clear and simple signposts at a height for both adults and children to see and/or read • Encourage members to use BBQ, café and canteen facilities for take away only
<p>Review regular SLSC deliveries and request contactless delivery and invoicing where practical.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak with contractors and other companies about their delivery options for staggered delivery time arrangements • Have invoices sent electronically
<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>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 physical contact
<p>Where practical, stagger the use of communal facilities. Strongly encourage everyone to shower/change at home where possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place closed signs at shower and change room facility entry points. • Restrict access to communal showers and change rooms. • Stagger bathroom breaks for training participants



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Hygiene and Cleaning	
Adopt good hand hygiene practices.	<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
Avoid shared food and drinks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not permit catering with shared food and drink options • Encourage member to bring their own food and drinks, e.g., bring your own water bottle, do not schedule BBQs with shared equipment and sauces • Provide single use, environmentally friendly cutlery, plates and cups
Clean cutlery and tableware with detergent and hot water, or with a commercial grade dishwasher if available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean cutlery and tableware with detergent and hot water, or with a commercial grade dishwasher if available.
Clean frequently used indoor hard surface areas, including children’s play areas, at least daily; first with detergent and water, and then disinfect. Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces, including in communal facilities, several times per day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean first with detergent and water, and then use a disinfectant. • Clean frequently used indoor hard surface areas, including children’s play areas daily, e.g., after peak-use time or between staggered entry times • Clean frequently touched areas and surfaces several times per day, e.g., door handles.
Disinfectant solutions need to be maintained at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturers’ instructions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow manufacturer’s instructions for disinfectant solutions
Encourage contactless payment options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the SLS Payment Gateway for online transactions (apply to use with Form F079 on SLSA IT Helpdesk) • Encourage the use of the online membership joining webpage and the SLS Members Area to renew membership
Encourage everyone to bring their own water bottle, sunscreen, sweat towels, exercise mats and equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels areas for everyone to bring their own water bottle, sweat towels, exercise mats and equipment
Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels.	<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
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have procedures in place to separate clean and used clothing items, as well as safe access to them • Frequently clean lifejackets • Use dingle-use PPE or thoroughly clean PPE before and after use while wearing gloves
Have hand washing facilities or alcohol-based hand sanitiser at key points around the site, such as entry and exit points and meal areas. Hand sanitiser may not work well if hands are visibly dirty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have hand washing facilities or alcohol-based hand sanitiser at entry and exit points and meal areas
Ensure there is accessible detergent/disinfectant and gloves for people to use, should they wish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have disinfectant and gloves close to entry and exit points and meal areas for people to use should they wish
Provide visual aids above hand wash basins to support effective hand washing, e.g., NSW Government Posters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post the NSW Government Posters around the club as per their recommendations, • Handwash and hand rub posters above every handwashing facility



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distance and mental health posters at every entry and exit point include links to the NSW Health videos on the club website where possible, e.g., good hygiene starts here
<p>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels areas for everyone to bring their own equipment where possible Clean any equipment before and after use while wearing gloves
<p>SLS members and staff are to wear gloves when cleaning and wash hands thoroughly before and after with soap and water.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLS members are required to wear gloves and other PPE whilst carrying out cleaning duties.
<p>Where reasonably practical, consider methods to avoid the shared use of items, such as pens and pencils, tools or workstations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clearing wipes next to items that must be shared so they can be regularly wiped down Communicate on club webpages and through social media channels areas for everyone to bring their own stationary, avoid sharing items, and distancing any work stations to comply with physical distancing requirements
<p>Record keeping</p>	
<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
<p>Keep a record of name and a mobile number or email address for all staff, volunteers, participants, contractors and other people for a period of at least 28 days. Ensure records are used only for the purposes of tracing COVID-19 infections and are <u>stored confidentially and securely</u>. It is the role of the COVID-19 Safe Hygiene Marshall to ensure the accuracy and legibility of records. Paper sign-in is permitted, but premises must digitise these within 24 hours and provide immediately on request. 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
<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



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Specific risks related to Lifesaving

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

Requirements	Actions
Lifesaving	
Contact with Patients and members of the public during rescues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a bag-valve-mask (BVM) where possible as safer alternative • Resuscitation masks with a one-way valve may still be used following individual risk assessment or a lifesaver may perform compression only CPR. • Maintain a safe distance while checking breathing
Regularly clean rescue-ready equipment and contact points of rescue equipment used during rescues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash hands and contact points after use
Use of Radios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure radios are in bags • No sharing of radios. • Member using radio must clean before they pick up and as they pack away.
First Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of First Aid Rooms • First Aid Equipment • Oxygen Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To minimise the potential of a “close contact” situation all major first aid cases are directed to the lifeguards on duty to mitigate patient double handling • If practicable to do so, all major first aid treatments should occur in an open-air outdoor setting. Ensuring appropriate PPE is used by lifesavers • Wear Gloves when handling any first aid equipment • Ask patient to wear a mask. • Ask patient to do their own minor first aid – ie put on band aids/apply ice. • Do not use first aid equipment that is clearly damaged or used where possible • Have Portable First Aid Kit under Tent • Clean non-disposable parts of the unit thoroughly • Use single only equipment.
Patrols status quo (This gives us leeway if Government. restrict us more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stagger start and finish times, so Lifeguards and volunteers are not in one gear room at once • Patrols are 9-5 for Lifeguards
Patrol Room and Patrol Tent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Distancing • Location of Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure social distancing in (Patrol Room) in club • Two (2) roving performing remote surveillance, • Two (2) under tent one (1) assisting where needed • Patrol Captain must have a min of three (3) qualified members on Patrol
Patrolling Members have Bum Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have available gloves and masks, note pads, and sanitiser
Rescue Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) Boards-placed in position where potentially needed • One (1) Tube accompanying Rescue Boards • IRB ready on beach
Meeting with Lifeguards and Patrol Captain- Response to callouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion will take place between lifeguards and Patrol Captain to identify the best response based on the current conditions, crowds and level of risk, at the start of the day.



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Beach Closed (due to Excessive Crowds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a beach exceeds social distancing guidelines in one area. Lifeguards can make the decision to close the beach. When this happens, the Lifeguards will discuss the best option with the Patrol Captain. • Activities may include directing and informing the public from waters edge, aquatic surveillance, scenario-based training and first aid.
Inclement weather (insufficient room)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During periods of inclement weather if there is no suitable shelter for patrolling members to perform valued patrolling functions, a decision to reduce patrol size will be made in by the Patrol Captain. • Members may be sent home and minimum patrolling numbers to remain. • Adhere to social distancing guidelines available in the club building.
Shared Space and Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members will endeavour to limit grouping of persons within an environment, both inside and outside. • Encourage moving between “Stations” to minimise boredom and re-enforce importance effective radio communication when dealing with procedures as they develop. • Members are not to use the first aid rooms as storage areas. • Limit/cease use unless under direction or an emergency response.
Crowd Thresholds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure compliance with the Public Health Act, Crowd numbers will be assessed using the One (1) person per 4 square metres principle. • 500 is at present the threshold for a crowd
Vehicle Drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the start of each Patrol a driver will be nominated for the day. This driver will be responsible for operating the vehicle for patrol matters. • Must clean the vehicle down at the completion of shift.
Shut down/Lowering of Flags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrol Members not required if SLS NSW/ NSW/Federal Government shutdown occurs. If we are advised to lower the flags. There will be a discussion between the land manager and the SLS governing body on how things proceed

Change Log	Date Reviewed:	Reviewed By
v1	4th September 2020	JH
v2	22 nd September 2020	JH – no change
V3	11 th November 2020	JH – no change