

# COVID-19 SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR LIFESAVING A SAFE RETURN TO THE BEACH FOR PATROLLING MEMBERS

## COVID FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I don't want to participate

- 🦋 Engaging in voluntary activity as a patrolling member is a personal choice

What PPE do I need?

- 🦋 Gloves
- 🦋 Glasses (you can use your own sunglasses)
- 🦋 Mask
- 🦋 Hand sanitiser

As a patrolling member, do I need to enforce social distancing amongst beach goers?

- 🦋 No. Members will not be expected to engage in any situation which presents a risk to their safety especially policing physical/social distancing. There will be PA announcements as reminders or there are scripts available and announcements can be done via the patrol megaphone..
- 🦋 If a situation does arise or escalate, Patrol Captains should contact SurfCom for advice and support which might be in the form of Duty Officer, Lifeguard Supervisor, Council Officers or Police
- 🦋 If Patrol Captains feel at any stage there is a risk for themselves or their patrol's safety, proceed to the safety of your surf club until any disturbance has subsided

What if we can't provide a patrol

- 🦋 Contact the Branch Director of Lifesaving, Deputy President or President immediately. Help can also be sourced from neighbouring Clubs

Do patrolling members need to demonstrate physical distancing?

- 🦋 YES except when providing emergency assistance.
- 🦋 PPE should be used when required possible to minimise risk

Do we need to supply Sunscreen to the beach goers?

- 🦋 Yes however we suggest that 1 member of your patrol be in charge of this. That patroller to wear gloves and distribute the sunscreen so no one touches the container. If there is no patrol member available to do this on the day, ensure the container is wiped down with alcohol wipes after each use

What do I need to bring to patrol?

- 🦋 Your own whistle
- 🦋 Your own hand sanitiser
- 🦋 Your own sunscreen
- 🦋 Your own mask if you would prefer to use it rather than a disposable one
- 🦋 Your own food and water bottle

Do we need to clean at the end of patrol?

- 🦋 YES. Clean all equipment and wipe down bum bags, gear and equipment and surfaces

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Do we need a COVID-19 Safety Plan for Lifesaving activities/Patrols

- 🦋 YES. A copy of a template has been provided to your Club
- 🦋 A copy of the SP should be kept in the patrol room, first aid room or on mobile device so Patrol Captains can refer to it if needed
- 🦋 A copy of the SP should be sent to the Branch COVID Liaison officer

Do we need a record of participants on patrol?

- 🦋 YES. Patrol attendance logs must be completed either via the Operations App or the paper log. All visitors, substitutes and patrol volunteers must be noted within the attendance log. This log will assist with contact tracing if needed. These records must be maintained accurately for a minimum of 28 days. Non-compliance could result in penalties

What changes for First Aid/CPR?

- 🦋 Always ask the mandatory COVID questions to ascertain high or low risk
- 🦋 If minor first aid, done PPE, provide equipment to the patient and ask them to treat themselves so social distancing
- 🦋 If major first aid, done full PPE, treat as trained, limit contact of personnel within the incident if possible ie 1:1
- 🦋 High risk CPR, done full PPE, no rescue breaths, no OP airway, no suction, no BVM

What changes for Rescues?

- 🦋 Ask COVID questions to ascertain if high or low risk situation
- 🦋 Assign 1 member as the IRB Driver and 1 member as the IRB Crewman. This will help with no cross-use of PFD's
- 🦋 Continue to undertake IRB, board and tube rescues
- 🦋 Gloves and masks can be used within the IRB
- 🦋 Regularly clean rescue-ready equipment and contact points of rescue equipment used during rescues

Do patrol members need to socially distance?

- 🦋 YES. We need to remember that we are in the public eye so physical/social distancing is essential
- 🦋 Not everyone will be able to sit under the tent at once so ensure members are participating in roving patrols and rotating through patrol duties rather than congregating under the tent at once

What if a member gets a positive diagnosis?

- 🦋 Advise Club Captain/President/Covid Liaison
- 🦋 Club representative to contact Branch President
- 🦋 Isolate immediately

What if the media ask me questions in relation to a positive at the Club?

- 🦋 Media release is attached for guidance
- 🦋 Media release gives assistance on advising club members

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