

Circular 363:06:20

To: Club Presidents
Cc: Club Secretaries
From: Emma Atkins – General Manager, People
Date: 17 June 2020
Subject: **Health Alerts for Members and Clubs: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**
Action: Review, act and disseminate information as relevant

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We thank you for your continued cooperation and support in what has been an extremely challenging time for all the community.

Background

In December 2019, cases of a viral pneumonia caused by a previously unknown pathogen were reported in Wuhan, Central China. The pathogen was identified as a novel coronavirus (technically named SAR-CoV-2, and referred to as COVID-19).

Cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) remain low and easing of restrictions continues, whilst this is an encouraging sign, we cannot be complacent in our efforts to eradicate new infections.

Health Alerts for Members and Clubs

Linked to this circular is the [LSV Health Alert](#). This provides the latest information, guidelines and actions required for clubs and individuals.

Resources and Return to Lifesaving Plans

As we move from Stay at home to Stay safe, we must encourage our colleagues, friends and family to stay the course. Our priority remains to ensure the health and safety of our people and community

Before getting back to lifesaving we need approved COVIDSAFE Plans (Return to Play, Operations, Office etc.).

LSV is currently preparing a COVIDSAFE Plan for all activities (including aquatic sports activities, Operations, Nippers, Meeting etc), these will need to be reviewed and approved by the appropriate Government body, where applicable i.e. Sport and Recreation Victoria Advisory Group.

LSV will share these plans with clubs, including templates, resources, signage and information when finalised, each club can then develop their own return to lifesaving plan, in line with LSV's overall COVIDSAFE plan.

We will provide a briefing and/or information to Club Presidents and relevant councils delegates in due course.

Support in Challenging Times

With the pandemic's ongoing impact on our lives, including work, personal and volunteering, our mental wellbeing will become an even greater challenge. Make sure you check in and stay connected.

If you or your members need help during this time, we encourage you to speak with family and friends, and you can call the support services below: *Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14 | Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 | Life Saving Victoria – please contact LSV comms directly.* If members or individuals have any immediate concerns for their own or others wellbeing, LSV does recommend seeing a local GP.

Welfare resources are available via www.lsv.com.au/healthalerts including information on talking to younger members, and immediate response to trauma/loss. If you have any questions that aren't detailed in any of the communications, please email our Pandemic Management Team at healthalerts@lsv.com.au

