

Audience:	LSV staff, volunteers, contractors, licensees and stakeholders
Hazards	<p>Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)</p> <p>Coronavirus is an infectious disease that can cause respiratory syndromes, ranging from the common cold to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). In severe cases this can be potentially fatal.</p>
Details	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 (recently named SAR-CoV-2). SARS-Cov-2 causes the illness now known as coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Currently there are no known treatments (vaccine or anti-viral) against the virus.
Key Messages	<p>As of 6 May 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed cases in Victoria: 1440 [+17 from previous day] [+86 from previous week] Recovered cases in Victoria: 1287 [+10 from previous day] [+34 from previous week] Deaths in Victoria: 18 [+0 from previous day] [+0 from previous week] Confirmed cases in Australia: 6,859 [+17 from previous day] [+125 from previous week] Deaths in Australia: 95 [+0 from previous day] [+10 from previous week] <p>Latest update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the ongoing actions of Victorians over the past weeks have contributed to slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the threat is still serious and real. We're undertaking a major testing blitz across the state, to better understand how coronavirus (COVID-19) is spreading in the community. Drive-through coronavirus (COVID-19) testing clinics are being set up across the state. Anyone with any symptoms, no matter how mild, is encouraged to get a test. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) is fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose or loss of sense of smell. More information on testing and where to go is available at dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19#where-can-i-get-tested-for-coronavirus-covid-19. The results from the increase in testing will inform any potential easing of restrictions. Stage 3 Restrictions remain in place in Victoria and there are still only four reasons to leave your home, for food and supplies, exercise, medical care and care giving as well as work and education - if necessary. If you can't work from home, you can still go to work. Remember to continue good hygiene and practice physical distancing. We all have a responsibility to continue to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Stay at home. Protect our health system. Save lives.
Actions All	<p>You must take the following actions now to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to yourself and the community.</p> <p>Latest Information: the health and wellbeing of members and community is paramount, information is changing quickly, please stay up to date via the DHHS website</p> <p>If you suspect you may have coronavirus (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline: 1800 675 398.</p>
Club Patrols / Emergency Response	Please update any changes to your emergency contacts via your VSO or email these changes to lifesavingoperations@lsv.com.au .

<p>Immediate Safety Consideration for Responding Members and providers of First Aid</p>	<p>Refer to the First Responder Checklist and Decontamination Guide for further information. These can be found on our Health Alerts page under Clubs and Members.</p> <p>No major changes to the First Responder Checklist (Version 11).</p>
<p>For Life Saving Clubs and Organisations</p>	<p>Life Saving Clubs and Organisations should keep up to date with the latest information and resources via the links and consider the following communications and actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Advice: sending a notification out to all members advising them of precautionary measures. • Report Self Isolation / Confirmed Cases: clubs and members should log any known cases of members required to self-isolate or confirmed case. You will need to also inform LSV of these as well (refer to section below) • Planned Activities: modify, cancel or postpone planned events and activities against DHHS recommendations. • Resources for Clubs and Organisations: utilise available resources and tools to plan, act and communication communicate including plan templates, tracking tools, posters. • Take action around the club: review supplies, cleaning and protocols to help limit infection and transmission.
<p>Report Self Isolation / Confirmed Cases</p>	<p>Members and Clubs are requested to notify LSV via an online form if they area aware of a member required to self-isolate for any reason (unwell, high risk, close contact or travel). Notification Form</p> <p>The information is confidential and will be used to monitor, support and provide Government with deidentified information for workforce capacity planning.</p>
<p>LSV Events and Programs</p>	<p>LSV has announced a number of postponements and cancellation for the coming period. Please refer to the list on our Health Alerts page for latest information.</p>
<p>Harmony and Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are increasing reports of racist taunts and behaviours directed at Chinese and Iranian people as a result of the Coronavirus. • There is no need and no excuse for racism or intolerance. • Life Saving Victoria condemns all forms of discrimination and vilification. • Everyone has the right to feel safe and that they belong. • Australians and Victorians alike need be respectful and support one another.
<p>Welfare</p>	<p>We understand these are particularly uncertain and difficult times for Clubs, members and Community.</p> <p>If you need help during this time, we encourage you to speak with family and friends, and you can call the support services see www.lsv.com.au/healthalerts</p> <p>If members or individuals have any immediate concerns for their or others wellbeing, LSV do recommend seeing a local GP.</p> <p>Additional welfare resources are available via www.lsv.com.au/healthalerts including information on talking to younger members, immediate response to trauma/loss.</p>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>As the situation in regards of cases of Coronavirus is evolving rapidly please use the available resources to keep informed of the latest updates.</p> <p>Department of Health and Human Services Website: https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus</p> <p>All LSV related information is available www.lsv.com.au/healthalerts</p>