**BYRON BAY SLSC**

**COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN**

AS AT 15.12.2021

(this is a guide as information may be updated regularly)

BBSLSC is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our members. Byron Bay SLSC is guided by the information and direction of SLSNSW and NSW Health.

The BBSLSC COVID-19 Safety Plan outlines preventative measures to lessen the impact wherever possible. The plan will be reviewed and updated as required.

All members are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to protect your own health as well as the community.

**The following conditions currently apply to Byron Bay SLSC:**

* **Adhere to SLSNSW and NSW Health guidelines**
* **Exclude persons who are unwell or tested positive to COVID-19**
* **Surf Club indoor areas maintain 4M2 rule with 1.5M social distancing**
* **Masks worn inside** [**https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rules/face-mask-rules**](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rules/face-mask-rules)
* **All group activities have designated coordinator, COVID safety procedures including attendance record/ QR, vaccinated staff as appropriate**
* **Group activities follow SLSNSW guidelines**
* **Gym attendees over 16 years to be vaccinated, QR/ register attendance, 1.5M social distancing, personnel hygiene and clean surfaces after use.**

Byron Bay SLSC is registered COVID safe with the NSW Government.

**Common Safety Measures where applicable:**

**Wellbeing of members, staff and visitors**

* Exclude persons who are unwell <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/symptoms#toc-symptoms-of-covid-19>, close contacts of a confirmed case <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/people-exposed-to-covid.aspx> or those who have tested positive to COVID-19.
* Provide staff and volunteers with information and training on COVID-19
* Make members aware if they are sick that they are required to self-isolate.
* Participants/members who have been identified as close contact must follow the Health NSW guidelines
* Display conditions of entry. Display the maximum number of people allowed in each area
* Encourage COVID Vaccination

**Physical distancing**

* Promote and ensure physical distancing of 1.5m and use signage
* Ensure any communal areas where people gather, such as BBQ or kitchen facilities, maintain capacity limits and appropriate physical distancing.
* COVID Safe strategies in place to manage gatherings
* Capacity of indoor spaces does not exceed [one person per 4 square meters](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/four-square-metre-rule). A guide to numbers in BBSLSC areas are:

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| LOCATION | AREA (M2) | MAXIMUM NUMBER |
| Deck | 234 | 58 |
| Hall | 232 | 58 |
| Craft Storage | 129 | 32 |
| Gym | 129 | 20 |
| Club Room | 82 | 20 |
| Boat shed | 82 | 20 |
| Training Room  | 73 | 18 |
| Club toilets/ showers | 56 | 14 |
| Nipper Room | 54 | 12 |
| Hall Kitchen | 47 | 11 |
| Patrol Change Room | 21 | 5 |
| Office | 20 | 5 |

**Masks**

* Masks are to be worn indoors
* Unvaccinated persons encouraged to wear masks.

**Hygiene and cleaning**

* Adopt good [hand hygiene practices](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others).
* Hand sanitiser is accessible at the venue entry and throughout the facility
* Bathrooms are stocked with hand soap and paper towels through
* Visual aids above hand wash basins to support effective hand washing
* Cleaning products and PPE are available for use as appropriate
* Clean areas used for high intensity exercise or larger gatherings with detergent and disinfectant as appropriate
* Cleaning and Disinfectant solutions are maintained at an appropriate strength and used in accordance with the manufacturers’ instructions.

**Record keeping**

* BBSLSC COVID QR Code is displayed at entrances to Byron Bay SLSC and for BBSLSC activities. Other events, and activities conducted are to have COVID QR Code provided by the organiser.
* Group activities and gym have a record of attendees
* Cooperate with NSW Health if contacted in relation to positive COVID cases, and notify SafeWork NSW on 13 10 50.

**COVID Safety Officer**

* The COVID Safety Officer is Paul Pattison.
* This position is the central point of contact for matters related to COVID-19 within the club. The position will liaise with each section of the club undertaking activity
* Each event conducted on relation to Byron Bay SLSC is to have designated COVID-19 co-ordinator

**COVID-19 Safety for Club Activities:**

As well as the general COVID Safety Procedures, there are some specific requirements for various activities/ events.

1. **Protecting our most vulnerable members**

Members or visitors who are deemed at-risk should be recognised as requiring special consideration. No member should attend the club or activities if they have COVID symptoms <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/symptoms#toc-symptoms-of-covid-19> or advised to isolate

1. **Patrol Personnel**
* Patrols and Emergency Services are conducted in accordance with SLSNSW Guidelines.
* Use own Patrol Clothing. Clothing soiled by any rescue or first aid incident is to be removed and placed in a plastic bag. The clothing is washed by member when returns home.
1. **Recommended actions for dealing with suspected cases of Coronavirus**
* Use issued PPE as per existing protocols with all patients
* If a patient exhibits flu like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing) notify Patrol Captain/ Duty Officer
* Patrol Captains/ Duty Officers should notify SurfCom on 02 9471 8092 and follow instructions for patient and patrol members. DO NOT broadcast information regarding suspected cases of people with Coronavirus over the radio network
* DO NOT treat suspected persons with Coronavirus in Surf Club First Aid rooms or other areas of the Club, unless there is a dedicated room and the surf lifesaver is wearing appropriate PPE.
* Patrolling Members who have been directly exposed to confirmed Coronavirus cases should thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water and follow existing SOPs, then self-isolate and seek medical attention.
1. **Emergency Response Operations**
* Support Operations activities remain unchanged and maintain callout team preparedness.
* Emergency Services are conducted in accordance with SLSNSW Guidelines.
* Suspected cases of Covid-19 should be managed as stated above.
1. **Club Activities**
* Club events involving groups will be conducted based on advice from SLSNSW and NSW Health.
* COVID Safety Plan completed for each major event
* A COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will be responsible for COVID Safety during Club Activities
* The role includes ensuring:
* well-being of participants – exclude persons who are unwell
* physical distancing – encourage 1.5M and if inside 4M2 per person
* hygiene and cleaning
* record attendance (either sign-in or COVID OR Code).
1. **Training**
* Maintain appropriate infection control strategies
* Training in accordance with current SLSNSW Guidelines
* Any illness related to COVID-19 reported and person excluded from training as directed by NSW Health Guidelines
* Vulnerable members to be considered during training
1. **Fundraising**
* Fundraising activities utilise advice from SLSNSW and NSW Health.
1. **Gym**
* Participants over 16 years vaccinated
* Register when attend gym
* Maintain physical distancing 1.5m ensuring 4m2 per person
* Provide own towel to lie on and wipe down surfaces
* Wipe any used equipment with provided cleaner
1. **Area within the surf club**
* Ensure physical distancing of 1.5m or wear mask if unable to distance
* Capacity of indoor spaces does not exceed 4m2 per person
* Hand sanitiser available
1. **Pilates/ Yoga**
* Responsibility lies with trainer/ coordinator
* Safety Plan in place and NSW Government Guidelines followed
* Register when attend for contact tracing
* Maintain physical distancing 1.5m ensuring 4m2 per person
* Provide own towel to lie on and wipe down
* Organisers and participants implement safety strategies
1. **Venue Hire and Functions**
* Venue hired in accordance with NSW Government and SLSNSW Guidelines
* Function coordinators have a COVID Safety Plan and ensure that the health guidelines for COVID-19 are maintained
* Function co-ordinator to provide COVID OR Code and/or register of attendees
* Conditions of entry displayed
* Use hand sanitiser on entry and as appropriate
* Wipe any used equipment with appropriate cleaner
* Area has a full clean after use
1. **Training Room**
* Responsibility lies with trainer/ coordinator
* Register when attend
* Maintain physical distancing 1.5m ensuring 4m2 per person
* Use hand sanitiser as appropriate
* Wipe any used equipment with provided cleaner
* Area cleaned after use
* Organisers and participants implement safety strategies
* Vaccinated staff as appropriate
1. **Visiting Groups/ Activities provided by Non-SLS Organisations**
* COVID Safety Plan and Procedures to be implemented and managed by organiser
* Compliance to in accordance with NSW Government and SLSNSW Guidelines COVID Safety Plan and NSW Government requirements under direction of the organiser
* Provision of cleaning products and cleaning during and after the activity is the responsibility of organiser
* Any issues related to use of the facility is directed to the BBSLSC Administration Officer
* Vaccinated staff as appropriate

 14. **Junior Activities**

* Conduct activities in accordance with NSW Government and SLSNSW Guidelines
* Conduct activities in accordance with BBSLSC COVID plan

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