

COVID-19 Resources

Summary of Changes – 18 February 2022

In late August 2021, Surf Life Saving NSW re-launched the resources and website content designed to support clubs and branches with the delivery of SLS activities in line with the NSW Public Health Orders. This document summarises the changes that have been made to the following resources since this date:

- COVID-19 website content
- COVID-19 Information Packs for Lifesaving Training & Education, Junior Activities and Sport

All COVID-19 resources can be found [here](#) on SLSNSW's website.

Key:

L – Lifesaving	TE – Training & Education	JA – Junior Activities	S – Sport	CM – Club Management
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Summaries of Changes

COVID-19 website content

Date	Change	L	TE	JA	S	CM
2 September 2021	Added new dropdown section and factsheet related to membership cancellations and refunds			X		X
10 September 2021	Updated dates in COVID-19 Volunteer Travel Request – Letter of Authority section to allow for exemption requests for club lifesaving patrols and support operations / club call out teams to be submitted for the period 18 Sept-31 Oct 2021	X				
	Updated table to reflect that SLSNSW is awaiting the release of the Public Health Order before issuing guidance for LGAs with easing restrictions		X	X	X	X
15 September 2021	Updated table to outline what is and isn't possible in LGAs with easing restrictions (now termed 'general areas') following the release of the updated Public Health Order)		X	X	X	X
	Updated table to reflect eased restrictions around sport training for fully vaccinated people in stay at home areas				X	
	Removed recommendation that club-stored sporting equipment should not be accessible for use for exercise – superseded by information in the COVID-19 Information Pack - Sport				X	
	Clarified that members will not be granted exemptions for travelling large distances between a place of residence and their club (>50kms)	X				
20 September 2021	Clarified that Surf Sports equipment can be accessed and stored subject to mandatory check-in rules				X	
30 September 2021	Revised website content to reflect roadmap for eased restrictions at 70% double vaccinated, 80% double vaccinated and 1 December	X	X	X	X	X
7 October 2021	Revised website content to reflect changes to roadmap announced on 6 October (travel, outdoor gathering limits; wedding/funeral caps; optional facemask usage in office buildings)		X	X	X	X
	Added new dropdown section linking to advice on obligations for businesses to check vaccination status		X	X	X	X
15 October 2021	Updated 'Travel' row in table to reflect the postponement of travel between Greater Sydney and regional NSW (from 80% double vaccinated to 1 November)	X	X	X	X	X
20/21 October 2021	Removed 70% column from table and updated date in 80% column heading to '16 October 2021'	X	X	X	X	X

Date	Change	L	TE	JA	S	CM
	Revised table to reflect changes to community sport restrictions announced on 19 October (from a maximum of 200 to 1,000 participants)			X	X	
	Updated information on Travel Exemption Request Form to reflect that exemptions are only needed for critical travel between Greater Sydney and Regional NSW	X				
	Updated wording to reflect status of discussions around vaccination requirements (i.e. risk assessments; member consultation) and referring clubs and branches to content from Safe Work Australia.					X
4 November 2021	Revised table to reflect revised changes to roadmap, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further easing of restriction for those fully vaccinated from 8 November, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> changes to indoor density limits from 4sqm to 2sqm; no limit to the number of people for outdoor public gatherings and recreation; and COVID Safety Plans now only required for gatherings of over 1,000. A delay to the easing of restrictions for those not fully vaccinated from 1 December to 15 December or when the state reaches 95% vaccination rate 		X	X	X	X
	Added a new row to the table outlining the requirement for QR code check-ins and proof of vaccination status.		X	X	X	X
30 November 2021	Revised table to reflect revised changes to roadmap, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further easing of restrictions from 15 December or 95%, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> no density limits for all settings; changes to rules relating to mask usage, QR code check in and proof of vaccination; and COVID Safety Plans now optional for all businesses. 		X	X	X	X
16 December 2021	Updated content to align with NSW roadmap as at 15 December and to reflect the current status of SLSNSW's Vaccination Policy, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removing all content related to restrictions prior to 15 December; Updating text in Verifying vaccination status section; Updating text in COVID-19 vaccine section; and Updating text in QR codes section. 	X	X	X	X	X
23 December 2021	Updated table to align with current advice regarding mask usage and density limits, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask usage required in indoor settings from 24 December – 27 January 1 person per 2sqm density limit in indoor hospitality settings from 27 December – 27 January 	X	X	X	X	X
3 February 2022	Updated content to align with finalised Vaccination Policy. Made other minor amends to website content to reflect currency.	X	X		X	X
22 February 2022	Updated content to align with latest NSW government guidelines. Included information around applying for exemption to the finalised Vaccination Policy.	X	X		X	X

COVID-19 Information Packs

Date	Version	COVID-19 Information Pack Changes	L	TE	JA	S
2 September 2021	JA (5.1) S (5.1)	Added link to factsheet related to membership cancellations and refunds			X	
		Clarified wording related to cancellation and rescheduling of state and national events				X
10 September 2021	L (2.1) S (5.2)	Updated wording related to competition eligibility requirements for the 2021/22 season	X			X
15 September 2021	L (2.2)	Clarified that members will not be granted exemptions for travelling large distances between a place of residence and their club (>50kms)	X			
	S (5.3)	Added a new section entitled 'Current Status of Training and Exercise' to outline what is and isn't permitted in line with eased restrictions for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> General areas (including areas in the FNC, NC and MNC branches) Fully vaccinated people in stay at home areas 				X

Date	Version	COVID-19 Information Pack Changes	L	TE	JA	S
	JA (5.2)	Added a new question 'Can Nippers still participate in training', pointing readers to the COVID-19 Information Pack – Sport for further details			X	
16 September 2021	L (2.3)	Included additional content (including imagery and video) related to the donning and doffing of PPE prior to and following first aid treatment	X			
30 September 2021	L (2.4) TE (4.1) JA (5.3) S (5.4)	Revised content to reflect roadmap for eased restrictions at 70% double vaccinated, 80% double vaccinated and 1 December. Updated communication templates for all stakeholder groups to assist clubs to communicate requirements to members and parents.	X	X	X	X
7 October 2021	TE (4.2) JA (5.4)	Updated information to reflect changes to outdoor gathering limits announced on 6 October		X	X	X
	S (5.5)	Added FAQ on obligations to check vaccination status and added dot point to communications template advising participants to bring proof of vaccination		X	X	X
20/21 October 2021		Removed references to earlier restrictions (70% restrictions) and updated wording to ensure currency.	X	X	X	X
		Updated wording to reflect status of discussions around vaccination requirements (i.e. risk assessments; member consultation).	X	X	X	X
	JA (5.5) S (5.6)	Updated FAQ related to club/branch policies on vaccinations, referring them to content from Safe Work Australia.		X	X	X
	L (2.5) TE (4.3)	Updated content to reflect changes to community sport restrictions announced on 19 October (from a maximum of 200 to 1,000 participants)			X	X
		Updated content to reflect decision to cancel Interbranch Championships				X
		Updated information on Travel Exemption Request Form to reflect that exemptions are only needed for critical travel between Greater Sydney and Regional NSW	X			
4 November 2021	JA (5.6) S (5.7) TE (4.4)	Updated content to reflect revised changes to roadmap, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed FAQs related to the requirement for travel requests for travel outside of the LGA; Removing FAQs related to maximum group sizes (as these are now uncapped); and Updating email templates to reflect the current status of restrictions. 		X	X	X
30 November 2021	-	Information Packs discontinued following further easing of restrictions	X	X	X	X