

Program staff and operational COVID-19 control measures

In line with current NSW Health regulations (as of Dec 2020) the following measures will be implemented, and supplies provided, as the School Swimming and Water Safety Program returns to operations in 2021. As regulations and advice change, the Program will respond accordingly.

Personal packs

Each member of SSWSP team will be provided with a personal hygiene pack that includes:

- Personal sanitiser
- Gloves
- Face masks
- A microfibre cloth
- Sanitising wipes
- Spray bottle

The distribution of these personal packs will also include personal use sunscreen.

Each member of SSWSP team will be given 2 pairs of shorts (with zipper pocket) to carry personal sanitiser in.

Communal pack

Each team will be provided with communal hygiene supplies that include:

- Hospital grade sanitiser 5L bottles (5)
- A pump action 5L spray bottle
- Communal pump packs of hand sanitiser
- Box of gloves (100)
- Box of masks (50)
- Spare personal sanitiser
- 5 packs of disposable wipes
- A thermometer
- 20 microfibre cloths

A thermometer has been included in the communal pack to support escort staff from schools should a child appear to be unwell at the pool (cough, temperature etc). Attending school teachers will have the first aid kit that will contain apron, eyewear, gloves and mask, however gloves and masks are provided in kits, if needed.

Cleaning protocols and set up

- Each team will have an additional member to assist with cleaning protocols between sessions.
- Clearly marked assembly areas will be established at each venue with a communal pump pack of hand sanitiser placed nearby for school staff and students.
- A second communal pump pack will be located at the Program staff area.
- Equipment must be cleaned between sessions and this will require all but one team member to assist. The additional team member will be responsible for ensuring students assemble in the correct area.
- To clean equipment:

- The mechanical action of rubbing has been proven to break the viral envelope. All equipment must be sprayed down using the hospital grade sanitiser in either the large pump pack or the personal pack hand-held sanitiser, then wiped down using the microfibre cloth. Gloves and masks are provided for personal use to protect hands and face, if required.
- Microfibre clothes must be laundered overnight and returned daily.
- Clean microfibre cloths should be used for each session.
- Smaller pieces of equipment may be wiped down with the wipes.
- It is not necessary to dry the equipment prior to the commencement of the next session.
- Limited amounts of equipment should be used to reduce cleaning time.
- High touch communal areas such as pool rails or pool edge should also be wiped down between sessions.
- Blow-up equipment such as floaties should be taken out of circulation for now. If you must use them, they must be blown up with a “balloon pump”.
- Saturn rings should be avoided due to the likelihood of spitting.
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General guidelines for staff

- SSWSP team members should continue to practise physical distancing between themselves and other adults by reducing close physical contact with people and staying 1.5 metres away from others.
- Avoid manually assisting swimmers to achieve drill/skill progressions and no high fives.
- Staff and students are required to wash their hands prior to and at the conclusion of swimming activities. Hand hygiene practices will be encouraged at regular intervals, as required.
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Further information

The NSW Department of Education COVID-19 advice to staff can be located at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/covid-19/school-staff>

This is accessible through the portal and is updated as required.