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**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**To:** All SLSNZ Staff and Clubs

**From:** Scott Weatherall (SLSNZ National Health & Safety Advisor)

**Subject:** **SLSNZ Position Statement on Covid Protection for Staff and Members**

***SLSNZ is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace to prevent illness and injury.***

COVID continues to be a virus of concern, and this statement outlines how Surf Life Saving New Zealand intends to protect our staff and members from the ongoing effects of COVID-19.

If members or staff test positive or exhibit symptoms of infection (such as a cough, sore throat, or fever), we request that you prioritize your well-being and support reducing the spread of COVID among others by taking the necessary time off to recover.

We strongly urge members and staff to promptly report positive test results through the government reporting system and inform your immediate Manager/Club Leader.

For permanent staff who contract COVID or exhibit symptoms of infection we strongly recommend staying at home and taking the required sick leave. If you believe you can work remotely while managing the illness, please initiate a discussion with your manager.

For seasonal staff members (Supervisors, Beach Ed Instructors, or Regional Lifeguards), we understand the financial implications of not coming to work but strongly recommend that you prioritize your health and well-being and take time off.

If staff members are determined to come to work despite having COVID (with or without symptoms), please engage in a conversation with your supervisor or manager.

**The following precautions must be observed:**

- Inform your work colleagues of your positive COVID test result,
- Wear a mask, preferably an N95 mask,
- Avoid sharing communal areas, specifically patrol towers, communal lunch areas, first aid rooms, sleeping areas and,
- Work in well-ventilated areas ie. outdoors where possible etc

For further discussion on this position statement, please contact Scott Weatherall (SLSNZ National Health & Safety Advisor) at 027 4404 700.

Yours sincerely

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