

AUSC - COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

This document outlines the activities and mitigations that the Adelaide University Scuba Club (AUSC) will implement in order to minimise the risk posed by COVID-19 to its members in the conduct of club activities.

This document has been drafted and approved by the AUSC Committee and will be updated regularly as appropriate. The current approved version will be hosted on the AUSC website : www.adelaidescuba.com and communicated to members through the AUSC Facebook Group. Suggestions and queries can be sent through to vicepresident@adelaidescuba.com

Table 1 contains a list of affected club activities along, each with corresponding risk mitigations.

Table 1: AUSC Activities and Covid-19 Risk Mitigations

Activity	Mitigation
General	<p>The Club shall comply with all SA Covid-19 Guidelines (Ref 1) which currently state the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular handwashing/disinfecting - Comply with the maximum numbers in rooms stated on the AUSC Covid Safe Plan (Ref. 4)
Diving in Buddy Pairs.	<p>Divers should gear up independently and adequately check their buddies, socially distancing where possible</p> <p>Dive gear should not be shared by more than one diver, except in the case of an emergency.</p>
Tank Filling	<p>Hand Sanitiser shall be made available to those filling tanks.</p>
Boat Dives	<p>As Boat diving trips are defined as “Recreational Transport”, under the current SA COVID-19 Directives: “A person who provides recreational transport in a vehicle or other movable place is not required to ensure that the density requirement is complied with in relation to that place.” (Ref. 5)</p> <p>The Boat Handler shall record the name of each member that attends the Boat Dive for the purpose of Contact Tracing (the trip record form can be used)</p> <p>Divers should sit in the same location throughout the trip</p> <p>Divers shall wear gloves whilst transitioning onto the boat using the ladder.</p> <p>Stainless Steel contact areas on the boat shall be wiped down with a spray and wipe disinfectant after each dive.</p> <p>Divers should gear up independently as far as practicable.</p>
Gear Hire	<p>Regulators shall be sanitised using a method recommended by the Divers Alert Network [Ref 2] each time they are returned from hire, an example of an acceptable method is soaking in 1000PPM Bleach Solution for one minute.</p> <p>BCDs, Wetsuits, Tanks and any other hire gear that is unable to be appropriately disinfected shall be “Quarantined” for a week after return before being hired out to another member as it is understood that the virus is able to survive 2-3 days on hard</p>

	surfaces such as stainless steel and increasingly less for soft or porous surfaces [Ref 3] Gear should be hired out for longer intervals of 2-4 weeks to minimise users
Dive Trips	Numbers shall be limited in accordance with SA COVID-19 Guidelines (Ref 1). Social Distancing guidelines shall be adhered to: - 2m ² per person indoors Shared accommodation should be avoided where possible. Common surfaces shall be regularly disinfected with an appropriate cleaning agent.

References:

1. South Australian Covid-19 Guidelines: <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/>
2. Divers Alert Network COVID-19 Gear Disinfection Guidelines
<https://www.diversalertnetwork.org/emailview/landing/coronavirus/gearDisinfection/index.html>
3. US National Institutes of Health, Covid-19 stability on surfaces <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-coronavirus-stable-hours-surfaces>
4. AUSC Covid Safe Stage 3 Plan <https://www.adelaidescuba.com>
5. SA COVID-19 Emergency Declarations <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/public-activities>