

Dear members, parents and supporters of Scouts WA

Well done to all everyone on returning to Scouting with COVID-19 plans in place.

However, the number of COVID-19 cases in WA is again rising from shipping crews and returning travellers in quarantine. Whilst the measures taken by health and government officials have continued to prevent community spread in WA - we must remain vigilant to avoid future outbreaks.

We've also seen Joey Leap, a return to face to face Adult Leader training, recommencement of new Program Transition Training and camps being run all over WA. Everyone has shown resilience and exceptional team work continuing to create fun, challenging adventurous and inclusive activities for Scouts in WA.

At the same time as saying congratulations and thank you for your ongoing efforts and commitment to the great things happening in WA Scouts at all levels, NOW is the time to take another close look at your COVID -19 plans. Ensure they are up to date, easy to apply and make sure you are actually using them effectively.

With extension of Stage 4 restrictions recently announced, the COVID-19 Action Group would like to issue the below information. It's vital to stay vigilant and continue to follow cleaning, distancing and symptom check recommendations.

Weekly Hall Activities

- Encourage hand sanitation/cleaning on arrival.
- Remind everyone (parents and youth members) that no one should attend when sick.
- 1.5m physical distance recommendation remains, including in lining up, activities, opening/closing.
- Clean high touch areas.
- 2sqm per person required whenever indoors, this should be written on the COVID-19 Action Plan and displayed.

Camping

- Produce and follow COVID-19 Action Plans.
- 2sqm per person within tents (for all sections), e.g. a tent that is 3x2m "footprint"/indoor size can only have 3 people in it at any time.
- Hand washing/sanitisation with food preparation and after physical contact to continue.
- 2sqm per person in all indoor areas.
- Clean high traffic areas as appropriate.
- Do not attend if sick and have a plan to manage members who get sick while away.

Events

- Recording attendee names and contact phone numbers (or that of a parent).
- No member should attend if they are sick.
- Produce and follow COVID-19 Action Plans were indicated.
- 1.5m physical distance recommendation remains.
- Encourage one-way flow of participants through queues, activities and stalls.
- Ensure cleaning of high touch areas and equipment between uses.

Reminder that as always, activities outside the hall require an R1 risk assessment, and compliance with COVID-19 plans should be included in such.

Any changes to recommendations will be reviewed by the Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group and updates provided as indicated.

Please contact your District Commissioner or Regional Chief Commissioner with any questions.

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