

## COVID-19 Special Scouts@Info Edition 14

Dear Members

Following the Premier's announcement Monday afternoon and the release of information via the WA Government website, the Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group discussed how the easing of restrictions will affect and enable the return of face to face Scouting.

Providing there are no changes to the easing of restrictions announced by the Government, the following approach will apply for all Scout Groups:

For Scout Groups outside of the Perth and Peel regions you can return to Scouting at the end of the lock down period, however for those adults and high school aged people who have been in the Perth and Peel regions since the 17th of April are required to wear mask. This may affect anyone who attended Campwest.

For Scout Groups within the Perth and Peel regions, you can resume Scouting as long as you exercise common sense and are able to meet the new restrictions.

Group Leaders should, in consultation with the Group Council, review their Group's circumstances such as hall size and the ability to adhere to 20-patron capacity limit and 4sqm rule, the requirement for high school aged Members to wear a face mask. More details can be found [here](#) and on the [attached image](#).

The Group Council should look at the option of meeting outdoors, weather permitting. The Group Councils may also impose any other common sense rules to ensure the safety of the members.

Group Leaders should review the full set of requirements available on the WA Government COVID website. Groups which can meet all of the restrictions for the coming week may commence face to face scouting. If in doubt, then a conservative approach should be taken. It is suggested that an online meeting could take place in lieu of a face to face meeting.

The COVID-19 Action Group is aware of a number of training courses that are scheduled to take place this coming weekend. We are currently working with the Course Coordinators to work out how and if these courses can be adapted. Information will be provided as soon as possible by the Course Coordinators directly to participants.

If Units have planned camping activities or sleep overs, then they should review their plans to ensure they comply with the latest government restrictions. This might mean starting the activities on Saturday rather than Friday evening.

A reminder to all Groups and members that it is a requirement that everyone who enters the hall or attends the meeting night, including parents who enter the foyer area when dropping off their children, must either scan in using the SafeWA app or complete the contact register. Please note that Scouts WA requires all youth

members to be recorded as having attended no matter their age. Group Leaders should take appropriate steps to ensure this is completed.

It is expected that the State Government will provide a further update later in the week and the COVID-19 Action Group will review this information and provided advise accordingly.

All Groups should ensure that their COVID Safety Plans are reviewed and updated. For 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 and a regular basis.
- COVID-19 Action Plan should be displayed.

A reminder that, as always, activities outside the hall require an R1 Risk Assessment, and compliance with COVID-19 plans should be included.

Any changes to restrictions will be reviewed by the Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group and updates provided as indicated. Group Leaders and Sections Leaders should contact their District Commissioner or Regional Chief Commissioner with any questions.

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