

COVID-19 Special Scouts@Info Edition 15

Following the Premier's announcement yesterday evening, the COVID-19 Action Group has reviewed the easing of restrictions and can advise that all face-to-face Scouting in the Perth and Peel regions can return, however some restrictions will remain in place.

Masks will still be required until 12.01am on Saturday the 8th of May for all adults and high school aged members, this includes anyone who has been in the Perth and Peel regions since the 17th of April. Masks are not required outside except where physical distancing is not possible. Section Leader should monitor this during outdoor activities.

Camping and Sleepover activities can resume this weekend as long as mask and social distancing requirements can be maintained, including during sleeping. A limit of 20 people exists to 12.01am on Saturday and then 30 people moving forward. As always a cautious approach should be taken if in doubt.

The full details of the easing of restrictions can be viewed at <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/perth-and-peel-lockdown-restrictions-ease-further>. Group Leaders and Group Councils should review this information to make sure they are compliant with the new restrictions.

As a reminder all Groups should ensure that their COVID-19 Safety Plans are reviewed and updated. 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.

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.

Should we return to pre lockdown conditions at 12.01am on Saturday the 8th of May, then no further release will be made by the COVID-19 Action Group. If the Government announces alternative measures then they will be reviewed and details on Scouting activities provided to Members as necessary.

Group Leaders and Sections Leaders should contact their District Commissioner or Regional Chief Commissioner with any questions.

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