

Special COVID-19 Message

Be Prepared.

Scouting in WA has enjoyed the freedoms of a COVID-19 free State for much of the pandemic. We have been able to meet at our Scout Halls, go on camps and hold large gatherings, while other parts of the Country and the World have had to 'Scout at Home'.

Recently, through the media, we have been hearing the beginnings of what life in WA might look like after the State Government re-opens the border.

With the border opening there have been indications of the reintroduction of some restrictions. These could include the wearing of masks or reestablishment of square metre rules.

If restrictions are introduced, then this may mean that we cannot meet at our halls or go on camps or visits to community organisations.

Last year, at the start of the pandemic we moved quickly to online platforms but not everyone had the ability to rapidly switch. Many of our weekly programs couldn't be easily modified to be run over Zoom or Teams. As time went on, we learnt how to adapt our programs and planned new activities that worked online.

As good Scouts, now is the time to prepare for the possibility of various restrictions being reintroduced. Does your Unit and Group have a plan?

The Branch Leadership Team is looking at our 2022 plans and developing contingencies in case we can't meet in person. We strongly encourage your Group and Group Council to do the same (include your Patrol and Unit Leaders in these discussions!).

Think about your cleaning routines for your halls and equipment. Think about your social distancing in the hall. Have these practices slipped? Are our SafeWA QR Codes still being displayed and are people signing in?

Now is the time to prepare!!!

The Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group strongly encourages vaccination for all eligible Western Australians. If you haven't already, make an appointment or talk to your GP about the best way to protect yourself for when COVID-19 does arrive in WA.

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