

COVID-19 Special Scouts@Info Edition 16

Dear Members,

As you may have heard yesterday, the Premier has announced the easing of restrictions in the Perth and Peel regions from 12.01am Saturday 8th May, provided there is no further community transmission of COVID-19.

One of the changes that takes place is that masks are only required in the following settings: public transport, hospitals, aged care and disability facilities, large events with more than 1,000 people. This means that masks should not be required at scout activities.

The restrictions surrounding public venues, including community centres (which includes Scout Halls) remains unchanged and are able to open subject to the 2sqm rule.

Full details of the restrictions can be found at www.wa.gov.au

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. The use of the SafeWA app and/or contact registers will be a requirement moving forward, even post the transition out of lockdown.

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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