

COVID-19 Special Scouts@Info Edition 17

Following today's (27th June, 2021) announcement from the WA Government and new restrictions relating to gatherings have been enacted for at least the next 3 days, the Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group have the following advice:

For Scout Groups outside of the Perth and Peel regions you can continue Scouting as per normal.

For Scout Groups within the Perth and Peel regions, you can continue to do Scouting activities as long as you exercise common sense and are able to meet the new restrictions, especially regarding wearing face masks/coverings.

All people at Scout meetings must adhere to mandatory mask wearing indoors and outdoors where physical distancing is not possible.

Primary school aged children and those who are exempt are not required to wear masks. This means high school aged youth members, all Leaders and Youth Helpers must wear masks.

Group Leaders should, in consultation with the Group Council, review their Group's circumstances such as hall size and the ability to adhere to 150-patron capacity limit and 2sqm rule, and the requirement for high school aged Members to wear a face mask.

More details can be found [here](#).

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.

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.

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.

Regards,

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