

COVID-19 Special Scouts@Info Edition 19

Dear Members,

Following the Premier's announcement this afternoon (Friday 2 July, 2021) and the release of information via the WA Government website, the Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group has reviewed how the easing of restrictions will affect and enable the return of face to face Scouting.

Based on the eased restrictions, for Groups in the Perth and Peel Regions scouting activities over the weekend and Monday can only take place if there are less than 20 people, including Leaders and they are conducted outdoors. Indoor scouting activities are not permitted.

To maintain the 4 square metre rule and no indoor activities, camping and sleepover like activities should not take place over the next three days (Saturday to Monday).

Group Leaders should, in consultation with the Group Council, review their Group's circumstances such as the ability to adhere to 20-person capacity limit and the requirement for high school aged and adult Members to wear a face mask. If in doubt, then a conservative approach should be taken.

The full details of the restrictions can be viewed [here](#).

The COVID-19 Action Group will review the proposed further easing of restrictions and provided another update as soon as possible to members.

Groups outside of the Perth and Peel regions may be able to continue with normal scouting activities but should check the latest advice and adhere to any restriction from authorities.

All Groups should ensure that their COVID Safety Plans are reviewed and updated.

For all 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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