

Hello members,

As you may be aware, the Western Australian Government has moved back to Level 1 Public Health and Social Measures across the whole state.

Full details of the measures can be found at <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

With regards to Scouting activities, masks must be worn indoors by all children aged 8 and over, as well as by all high school aged children and above, covered by the existing requirements, unless they are exempt for one of the published reasons and have evidence.

Density limits of 2 square metre per person, continue to be in force at community, recreation, or youth centre facilities, which will include all Scout halls, Adventure Centres, and in facilities used for Scout activities.

Checkin using the ServiceWA or SafeWA app is no longer required.

Camping style activities, including at Scouts WA Adventure Centres, are permitted as long as the 2 square metre rule can be adhered to within the facilities. If using dorm style accommodation, please speak to the venue/facility staff to check maximum numbers.

**The Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group encourage Scouting activities including group programs, events and camping to continue, due to the vast benefits for members and the broader community.**

Vaccination is not mandatory for participation in Scouting activities, except as required by public health directions. In line with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement's message, and the requirements of the WA Government COVID Safety Plans, Scouts WA encourages everyone eligible to get vaccinated.

A reminder for hygiene and safety on all activities:

- **Remind everyone (parents and youth members) that no one should attend when sick.**
- Encourage hand sanitation/cleaning on arrival.
- 1.5m physical distance recommendation remains, including in lining up, activities, opening/closing.
- Clean high touch areas on a regular basis.

Any changes to restrictions will be reviewed by the Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group and updates provided where needed.

We encourage you to stay up to date with Government directions, as they are changing frequently via <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus>

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

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