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COVID-19 Update

Over the past several weeks, the NSW Government has implemented various measures and health orders across NSW to respond to and manage the COVID-19 outbreaks in the state. Rather than impose blanket measures across the entire state, their response has been agile and includes varying levels of measures and orders based on local geography.

These have been altered and, at times, relaxed once the NSW Government and NSW Health have confidence that the level of community transmission is low enough to ease the restrictions.

For Scouts NSW this means that it is even more important for our Leaders to become familiar with and know how to use the information from [NSW Health](#) when planning and delivering Scouting.

The [Scouting Guide to Coronavirus](#) webpage will still act as the key place to find relevant information and links to NSW Public Health Orders.

To support our Leaders, the Scouts NSW COVID-19 taskforce will focus its efforts to provide guidance to equip Leaders to monitor the rules themselves and manage the risks associated with Coronavirus so they can confidently deliver Scouting in their local community.

Throughout the coming weeks you will notice the information on our website evolving with this new approach.

Below, you will find the latest information to help you prepare for the 2021 Scout year.

Keep up to date with the rules

Leaders can monitor the rules via the NSW Health "What you can and can't do" button on the [Scouts NSW Guide to Coronavirus page](#) or directly [here](#).

Also, listen for any unexpected updates through news channels, and monitor the latest COVID-19 case locations on the NSW Health website [here](#).

Service NSW QR Codes

Electronic check-in methods such as a QR codes are now required to record the attendance of members and non-members, adults and youth at the following locations:

- Scout Halls
- Scout camps and Activity Centres
- Corporate events e. Scouting occasions where only adults are present

All Scout properties should register their property and obtain the free NSW Government QR code through Services NSW. Instructions for doing so, can be found under the [Scouts Properties](#) button on the Scouts NSW Guide to Coronavirus webpage.

There must also be an alternative means of registering for people who do not use a smart phone.

If you are contacted by a representative of NSW Health requesting these attendance lists, you must provide the list in an electronic format to them promptly, e.g. within four hours (i.e. names and phone numbers typed into a spreadsheet).

The QR code is in addition to your normal weekly attendance records.

If you have a specific enquiry about the Public Health orders and how they apply to Scouting that you are unable to answer from the information available, please contact us through feedback@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a youth safe organisation and implementing youth safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

Remember

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the NSW State Office. To make a report use the [online youth protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email youthprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Imminent Danger

If someone is in danger NOW, the matter should be reported directly to NSW Police on 000. Where a report is made to the Police, you must also subsequently notify Scouts NSW State Office.

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