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Major Rolling Back of COVID-19 Restrictions

From Monday 29 March, a significant easing of COVID-19 restrictions, came into effect across NSW.

This continues to be great news for our Scout Groups across New South Wales, many of whom have had to make significant adjustments to their weekly program and outdoor activities throughout the year to accommodate the restrictions.

Scouts NSW has adopted all recommended measures from the NSW Government.

Overview of Changes

Outdoor Gatherings (Up to 200): Up to 200 people can gather in an outdoor public place such as a park, reserve, beach, garden or public space.

Outdoor gatherings (Greater than 200 and less than 5000): The gathering must comply as a COVID-19 safe outdoor gathering.

A COVID-19 safe outdoor gathering requires the organiser of the outdoor gathering to:

- have and comply with the relevant COVID-19 safety plan
- keep a copy of the plan and make it available to an authorised officer or a police officer as requested
- number of participants is less than 5000 or [one person per 2 square metres](#) of space of the premises in which the outdoor gathering is conducted

Singing and Dancing: There are no restrictions on dancing and singing at venues and events including nightclubs, weddings, funerals and memorial services.

For Gang Shows, consideration will need to be given to the venue where rehearsals are taking place to ensure the [one person per 2 square metres](#) of space of the premises allows for the numbers of people rehearsing.

Indoor Community Halls (Scout Halls): In a Scout Hall, up to 25 people can gather indoors. The [one person per 2 square metres](#) of space rule applies once there are more than 25 people.

Camping and Bunk Accommodation: For information on [overnight activities](#) including tent camping, indoors accommodation and the preparation of food please [click here](#).

Updates to the Scouts NSW COVID-19 web page: Over the next week, the team will be updating the Scouting Guide to the Coronavirus web page to accommodate for rollback of these restrictions. The best place to find the latest information is at the [Latest Scout Updates](#) and the [What You Can Do in NSW](#) page from the Department of Health. Thank you for your patience while the webpage is updated.

Please remember that restrictions may change without notice depending on case locations so check the [NSW Health website](#).

For more information on what you [can do in NSW](#), please visit [NSW Health](#).

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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