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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Earlier today the WA Minister for Health Roger Cook announced COVID-19 restrictions are now in place for the Perth and Peel regions for a minimum of three days effective from 12pm (midday) today. In particular, mask wearing is mandatory indoors, on public transport, and outdoors where physical distancing is not possible.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERTH AND PEEL REGION SCHOOLS

- All staff members and students in Years 7 to 12 in the Perth and Peel regions are required to wear a mask whilst indoors when at school and on public transport. Masks are also to be worn outdoors if physical distancing is not possible. This applies to classrooms, all teaching areas and libraries and staffrooms. However, when teachers, educators and carers are teaching, interacting or caring for children, they are permitted to remove their masks if they interfere with their ability to clearly communicate with students.
- Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 in the Perth and Peel region are not required to wear a mask, but their teachers and support staff must wear masks.
- Common sense should apply regarding the colour and markings on masks, with staff and students asked not to wear masks that may contain inappropriate markings or designs.

Parents, caregivers and visitors on school premises

- Parents, caregivers and visitors to schools in the Perth and Peel regions must wear a mask at all times and adhere to COVID-safe guidelines while they are **indoors** on a school site. If parents, caregivers and visitors are outdoors on a school site, masks must be worn if physical distancing is not possible. Please be diligent in scanning the SafeWA barcode available on gates and fences before entering the school grounds.

Indoor venues and activities

- A 150-person limit – and the two square metre capacity rule – applies to indoor public venues. This includes theatres, concert halls, cinemas and performing arts centres.
- Masks are mandatory for indoor venues with exemption for medical reasons and for primary school aged children or younger.
- Indoor school facilities including school halls, gymnasiums, libraries, community centres, museums, galleries and recreation centres may open subject to observing the two square metre rule.
- Masks are required to be worn at all indoor venues, with exemption for medical reasons or for primary school aged children and younger.

Outdoor venues and activities

- Sports training, interschool competitions and outdoor activities may proceed subject to the 150-person limit being observed.
- If outdoors, spectators are required to wear masks where physical distancing is not possible.

COVID-19 EXPOSURE SITES The [Western Australian Department of Health](#) is the lead agency in Western Australia (WA) and monitors the COVID-19 situation in WA – including updates on COVID-19 exposure sites.

For the latest health information and any health-related enquiries, please refer to the [Western Australian Department of Health website](#) or access the helpline on 1800 020 080.

Yours sincerely
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