



"A light beneath our feet"

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How quickly things can change. Late last week the Premier announced we were now in Phase 5 with no restrictions and today 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.

For students, staff, parents and carers the restrictions below apply for the next three days or until further notice:

PERTH AND PEEL REGION PRIMARY SCHOOLS

· 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. 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.

· 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 are subjected to the 2m² rule indoors and 1.5m physical distancing when outside. Parents, caregivers and visitors to schools must wear a mask 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, including those attending Monday morning's assembly, masks must be worn if physical distancing is not possible.

INDOOR VENUES AND ACTIVITIES

· 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.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All school-related travel between the Perth and Peel regions and the rest of Western Australia should be postponed for the remainder of the week subject to further advice from the Department of Health.

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 https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus or access the helpline on 1800 020 080.

Let us pray that these interim measures are sufficient and restrictions can be lifted before we commence school holidays on Friday afternoon.

Kind regards,
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