

## DO WE NEED A COVID MARSHAL AT OUR QUILTING GROUP MEETING?

I have been asked whether or not our affiliated quilting groups need to have a COVID Marshal at meetings.

I've copied and pasted the table below from a more comprehensive table on this website: <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/covid-marshals>

It would seem that the service of food is the key determinant in separating the two categories, so our recommendation continues to be that individual members of groups bring along their own morning/afternoon tea, lunches and drinks so that no sharing or service is involved.

This website contains a wealth of information about nominated v dedicated COVID Marshals, so we urge all group convenors to familiarise themselves with current government regulations with regard to COVID Marshals. Our quilting groups meet in a variety of community situations which may also impact on which category a particular group may be considered. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact SA Health directly.

Encouraging at least one member of each group to do the COVID Marshal training is also recommended as an additional safety measure for all groups. I believe that the training takes about 1 hour to complete.

<b>Recreational Activities</b> Eg. Mini-golf, Billiards, Tenpin Bowling, High Ropes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>COVID Safe Plan Required* <i>*Unless more than 1000 people attending then COVID Management Plan Required</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 person per 2 square metres</li><li>Must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If consuming food and beverages then must be seated at a table separate from any bar/area where orders are taken</li><li>If food served COVID Marshal required</li><li>Patrons must remain within the vicinity of their group</li><li>Shared equipment and frequently touched surfaces need to be cleaned between use by different groups of people</li></ul>
<b>Indoor Public Meetings</b> Meeting, lecture or presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>COVID Safe Plan Required* <i>*Unless more than 1000 people attending then COVID Management Plan Required</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 person per 2 square metres</li><li>Must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contact tracing required</li></ul>

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