

Latest update for you as of 25/05/2020

## **How Life Without Barriers is resuming Community Supports during COVID-19**

Life Without Barriers remains committed to supporting you and your family as safely as possible during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. As part of this, we want to keep you informed about our services during this time, particularly as some Community Supports will restart over the coming weeks.

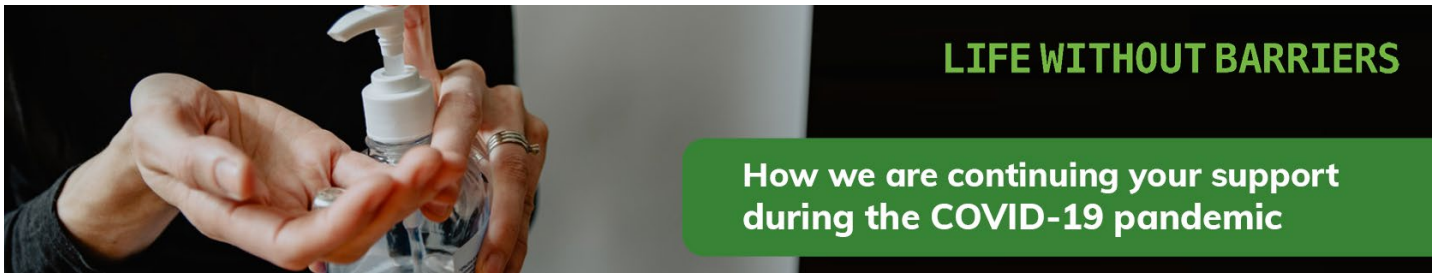
Following advice from the Australian Government and various state public health orders Life Without Barriers has had to adjust the way we do some of our Community Supports in recent months. Now that we're seeing some easing of government restrictions about social distancing, Life Without Barriers will restart some small group community based services in line with the government advice and with particular attention to everyone's safety.

We want to assure you our priority remains protecting the health and wellbeing of every person we support.

### **WHAT IS CHANGING**

**This means that from Monday, 1 June 2020:**

- Some group activities will resume with a maximum of 3 participants in a group (plus supporting staff), to help keep everyone safe. This number will be reviewed over the coming weeks.
- Social distancing will still be practiced in group activities, which means every person should remain 1.5 metres from others where possible and avoid touching, shaking hands and hugging.
- Staff will complete a Daily Wellness Check with each participant at the start of every Community Support activity, to make sure anyone who is unwell receives the support they need.
- Staff will be equipped with hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes, as well as having completed mandatory training in infection control and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure they are supporting our clients as safely as possible..
- Where possible, groups will meet in the community where the activity will take place.  
If groups need to meet at a Life Without Barriers centre, meeting times will be staggered to avoid multiple groups arriving at the same time.



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**How we are continuing your support during the COVID-19 pandemic**

## **WHAT IS STAYING THE SAME**

- Staff will continue to follow advice from Life Without Barriers based on best practice public health guidelines, focussing on good hygiene practices, cleaning in all environments including vehicles used to transport clients..

There will be no changes to Life Without Barriers Day Centres – large group activities and gatherings will not take place inside centres until further notice.

Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be unable to attend.

If you have any questions about our services during the COVID-19 pandemic, you can call the Life Without Barriers National COVID-19 Response Call Centre on 1800 313 117, or visit our website for updates at [www.lwb.org.au](http://www.lwb.org.au).

For health information from the Australian Government, you can call the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

**This is a good faith direction based on Australian Government advice as of 25/05/2020**