



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

2021 Covid-19 Guidance – Scouting For Food

DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THERE ARE IMPORTANT CHANGES TO HOW THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED THIS YEAR.

The Mayflower Council has provided to our units the Reopening Scouting information and documentation needed for any Mayflower Council unit to re-engage in unit meetings, activities, outings and/or service. There are some new required procedures before re-engagement can occur. All unit leaders should read through these guidance documents as they begin to re-engage. The information in these guides is the basis for our recommendations on running safe Scouting for Food events this fall.

Please visit <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/covid-19/> to review all the documents developed by the Mayflower Council.

Dates

The Mayflower Council has SFF on the calendar for November 6th flyer distribution, November 13th food collection. Units can use these dates or working with their local food pantry, select dates that work best for them/unit.

Mayflower Council Recommended Collection Process

The health and safety of all involved in a food drive or any community service during these times is our number one priority. While it may be possible to run traditional SFF drives with flyer or bag drop off and pickup door to door (with council Covid-19 guidance being strictly followed), we recommend these alternative collection ideas to minimize contact.

- Drive Thru/Curb Side Contactless Drop Off – Some towns already do this – a designated drop off location is set up and donors are instructed to pull up to that location – open the trunk or hatch – volunteers take donation, close up vehicle and the driver is on their way without exiting the vehicle and coming into contact with scouts and volunteers. Ideal location is at the food pantry itself to save on transport.
- Units are discouraged from participating in indoor collection sorting at the organization to maintain social distancing. Scouts can sort in small groups outside – masks are required.

Promotion

Traditionally, the Mayflower Council has provided units with door hangers, many units opt to use grocery bags donated by their local store, or printed flyers, however there is limited sponsorship this year, so we have provided a template for a unit reproduced flyer to be distributed.

Past sponsors have asked that we not use any door hangers left over from 2019 (or additional past years) please put these in your recycle bin.

Use sandwich boards to advertise at busy intersections. Advertise in your local newspaper – an article or calendar section. Use local cable access for a PSA. Will your local pizza shop attach a flyer to the top of a pizza box? Does your church publish an online bulletin or calendar?

Please use this link <https://forms.gle/hqHSKZhR6T7qZBiv6> to provide us with the name of your 2021 SFF Coordinator for further communications.

Additional Guidelines

- **ALL** Participants must follow all physical distancing and sanitizing guidelines set-forth by the Mass Department of Health and the CDC, including wearing face coverings and maintaining a six-foot physical separation from those outside of their immediate household members.
- All units must have permission **in writing** from their chartered organization in order to participate.
 - Similar **written permission** is required from the location hosting the drop off
- Cub Scouts will only be allowed to participate with their own family in their own neighbourhood. While Packs are allowed to coordinate this activity among participants, they are not allowed to organize a pack-wide group event. Working with Scouts, BSA units, Cubs can distribute flyers in their neighbourhood only, but not be part of the collection.
 - Coordinate with troops and crews to have pack collection dropped off at their collection point or have neighbours drop off on your lawn.
- For Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Ships, and anyone participating at a collection site:
 - Immediately prior to the event, all participants must be screened for symptoms of Covid19 by providing a health screening questionnaire, including having their temperature taken. Those showing any symptoms, or who have a fever above 100.0 °F will not be allowed to attend or participate.
 - All participants should wash their hands prior to working, or if running water is not available, use hand sanitizer. Sanitizer should be used frequently throughout the event.
- A detailed roster of all participants, scout and non-scout, with contact information, is required of all units for contact tracing purposes.