

Scouting for Food 2020 COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

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Review "[Guidelines for Scouting Unit Activity and Meetings 2.0](#)" for detailed guidelines that must be followed during all unit activity, including Scouting for Food.

A signed "[Reopening Scouting Agreement 2.0 \(3\)](#)" must be on file with Daniel Webster Council for a unit to participate.

Unit must have a copy of both [Guidelines for Scouting Unit Activity and Meetings](#) and [COVID-19 ASSUMPTION OF EXPOSURE AND INHERENT RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND DECLARATION](#) signed by parent/legal guardian for every youth participating (and by every adult volunteer participating) before anyone can participate. Previous submission of these forms for regular unit activity meet this requirement.

Checklists are provided below to assist in adhering to Guidelines for Scouting Unit Activity and include guidance specific to Scouting to Food operations, including some significant changes to past practices.

Door Hanger Distribution

Youth transportation precautions

Plan distribution routes whenever possible so that leaders / parents do not need to transport Scouts other than their own children. Walk whenever possible. "Chase vehicle" carrying hangers can be utilized for support and should carry hand sanitizer for frequent hand cleansing. Parent drivers should be utilized to transport their own children between neighborhoods whenever possible. Follow guidance in [Guidelines for Unit Scouting](#) if it becomes necessary for adults to transport youth other than their own children.

[Pre-event Medical Screening](#)

Cloth face coverings

Social distancing

Hand hygiene

Cohorts of maximum of 10 people

Place door hangers on EXTERIOR door handles. Do NOT open storm doors.

Neighborhood Food Collection

Youth transportation precautions

Plan collection routes whenever possible so that leaders / parents do not need to transport Scouts other than their own children. Walk whenever possible. Collection vehicles should carry hand sanitizer for frequent hand cleansing. Parent drivers should be utilized to transport their own children between neighborhoods whenever possible. Follow guidance in [Guidelines for Unit Scouting](#) if it becomes necessary for adults to transport youth other than their own children.

Pre-event Medical Screening

___ Cloth face coverings

___ Social distancing

___ Hand hygiene

___ Cohorts of maximum of 10 people

___ Donors have been asked to set out food in tied plastic grocery bags. Do NOT open bags for any reason.

Collection / Distribution Site

Pre-event Medical Screening

___ Cloth face coverings

___ Social distancing

___ Hand hygiene

___ Cohorts of maximum of 10 people, no more than 50 people on site at any one time:

Create “Receiving Stations” and “counting & storage station”, each staffed by max of 10 volunteers at any one time, with no co-mingling. Create single-file lane for drop offs with a “stop and wait here” line: delivery drivers stay in car and wait to be waved ahead to an available Receiving Station. Delivery drivers remain in vehicle – Receiving Station volunteers remove bags from vehicle and stage then for a counting station volunteer to collect and move to storage area

___ Receiving Stations should not use tables.

Food should be staged on tarp on floor or ground to eliminate a frequently touched surface.

___ Frequent disinfecting of any frequently touched surfaces.

Sanitizing wipes or paper towels and disinfectant should be used to clean any surface that is frequently touched, such as door handles, between drop-offs.

___ Donors have been asked to set out food in tied plastic grocery bags. Do NOT open bags for any reason.

Bags are NOT to be opened for sorting or counting. New this year due to COVID: collection totals will report BAGS of food, not individual items. Food to be distributed to agencies in the bags they were collected in without being opened.

___ Agency pick-up should follow same procedure as drop-off. Agency reps stay in vehicle... station volunteers load tied bags into vehicle.

Delivery to Receiving Agencies

Pre-event Medical Screening

___ Cloth face coverings

Receiving agencies will be asked to have their staff and volunteers wear masks to receive food, but unit volunteers must insist on social distancing during drop-off if agency representatives do not comply.

___ Social distancing

Whenever possible, food should be dropped off outdoors on a loading dock or other receiving area. If Scouting volunteers or youth need to enter an agency building, face coverings MUST be worn and social distancing must be maintained.

___ Hand hygiene

Hands must be washed or disinfected with 60%+ alcohol hand sanitizer before AND after food delivery.

___ Cohorts of maximum of 10 people

___ Do NOT open donation bags for any reason. Agencies are responsible for unpacking and sorting.