

Mayflower Council

## EAGLE PROJECT GUIDELINES

EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATES MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

THE SAFETY OF OUR SCOUTS, VOLUNTEERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITIES

IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not start your Eagle project.



## **Eagle Scout Service Project Guidelines**

Updated July 16, 2020

In-person Eagle projects will be allowed in Commonwealth of Massachusetts Phase III, Step I provided they meet the following guidelines:

Projects will need to fully comply with all <u>Massachusetts COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines</u> and <u>CDC</u> guidelines.

Eagle candidates must be familiar with and utilize the current CDC recommendations, as well as commonwealth and local COVID-19 restrictions and those restrictions that pertain to the project site, then incorporate them as part of the project planning.

- Close contact (within 6 ft) is only allowed within family groups defined as those living in the same household.
- Family groups must be kept separate from other groups by time and/or distance (no closer than 6 feet apart) in order to prevent contact between groups.
- Individual participants are considered a group and must be separated by 6 feet.
- Work crews should be kept small.
- Indoor projects must be done in a large, well-ventilated area. The size of work crews will be dictated by the size of the room, ventilation and the restrictions set forth by the facility and state and local authorities. Project sites that are smaller and more confined, should be worked by members from the same household.
- Outdoor projects Follow physical distancing guidelines. Note there may be outdoor situations which limit the work group to a smaller size to operate safely.
- Provide and wear face masks (disposable, cloth, gator, bandana) except when drinking or eating.
- Provide their own gloves appropriate for the work being done, as necessary.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, on a regular basis, especially
  prior to eating or drinking <u>or</u> use hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol or 70%
  isopropyl alcohol content.
- A project communication plan must be developed in advance of the first scheduled work day so that family groups know all guidelines and when they are scheduled to participate. This communication plan must be delivered via phone, email, text or virtual meetings. Safety talks can be delivered virtually in advance of the workday and reinforced with family groups on site with mobile devices. Participants should be educated and encouraged to follow safe practices as defined by state and local authorities, as well as any restrictions for the project site.
- A first aid plan must be developed so that treatment can be provided according to the safety guidelines and risks identified in the project plan, and to protect against viral transmission including examination gloves, safety glasses, face shields and face masks.
- Plans must be in place to provide a safe work environment. This includes common areas such as restrooms and kitchens. Use of disinfectant wipes or paper towels for touching

high contact surfaces and appropriate hand washing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer will minimize risk. The use of portable restrooms should be considered for outdoor projects if nearby indoor facilities are not available, or if it will be too difficult to clean them.

- Participant temperature should be taken prior to the arrival at the project site and reported to the Eagle candidate by text or email or if feasible temperature can be taken upon arrival at the project site. Participants will not be allowed to work on the project if they have a temperature above 100.0°F.
- Individuals who are not feeling well or have recently been in contact with someone that may be COVID-19 positive, must not participate in the project.
- Individuals with high-risk and/or preexisting conditions that make them more susceptible to complications from COVID-19 (youths or and adults) must not participate in a project that will involve contact with others (even if physical distancing practices are in place).
- Participants should bring their own tools and equipment to the project and not share that equipment with other family groups. Common equipment must be sanitized prior to and after each use.
- Participants should bring their own food and beverages. If food and beverages are supplied, then it must be prepackaged individual servings and the packaging sanitized before use.
- Family groups and individuals must provide their own transportation to and from the project and only those from the same household will be allowed to ride together.

"Fundraising efforts" that may involve interaction with others should follow the same restrictions set forth by the commonwealth, local and CDC authorities. Projects involving fundraising or in-kind donations of any amount must have an approved fundraising application unless the funds or donations are from family members or the beneficiary.

These guidelines also apply to Venturing Summit and Sea Scout Quartermaster Service Projects.

