

Frequently Asked Questions About Thanksgiving Deliveries



How long will my route take? Thanksgiving routes are smaller and average 5 stops and take about one hour. We have found that smaller routes allow drivers to visit a bit longer with seniors.

What does a typical Thanksgiving meal include? Our Thanksgiving menu is a traditional holiday meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, yams, cranberries, salad, pumpkin pie, a roll and milk.

Can I deliver the same route if I'm already delivering meals for a Loaves & Fishes center on a weekly/monthly basis? Upon arrival to the distribution site you may request a route in a specific neighborhood or

geographic area, however, there is no guarantee it will be available. Because not all MOW clients request a meal on Thanksgiving Day and some of our center diners do, the routes are different than normal.

How many volunteers does it take to provide meals on Thanksgiving Day? Last year 254 drivers delivered meals and 293 people assisted at distribution sites to produce the meals for a total of 547 volunteers!

Why do I need to fill out a registration form and/or background check to volunteer? We log volunteer hours in our database for every volunteer, whether it's a one-time volunteer or a weekly volunteer. This information is used for funding purposes only and required by both State and Federal governments. Your personal information is kept confidential and never shared with a third party. Drivers are required by the State to complete a background check due to their contact with a vulnerable population.

Should I stay and visit with the seniors on my Thanksgiving route? We encourage volunteers to take 5-10 minutes with each senior if you have the time. Routes on Thanksgiving are about half the size of our typical weekly routes to accommodate this. Often the volunteer is the only person our seniors see on Thanksgiving Day so your smile and conversation means more than the meal itself.

How long has Loaves & Fishes Centers delivered meals on Thanksgiving Day? Loaves & Fishes has provided Thanksgiving meals to seniors since 1990. Our vision is that no senior will go hungry or experience social isolation and we want to ensure that even on Thanksgiving Day!

May I bring a family member or friend with me to deliver, including youth? Absolutely! Passengers simply need to fill out a registration form when picking up meals with you. Seniors enjoy a visit from youth of all ages!

Thank you for spending part of your Thanksgiving holiday with us to lend a helping hand!

