

GUIDANCE FOR DIOCESE BASEBALL LEAGUE 2020
WITH COVID -19
REQUIREMENTS AND BEST PRACTICES.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

1. State Mandates require Six foot Social distancing. (exception unless you are in same family)
2. Spectators are not permitted in the Bench area or on playing field.
3. Please bring folding or lawn chairs as some bleachers will be closed to spectators for games. (using bleachers is discouraged)
Parish should designate seating areas for games, as each diamond is different in their layout.
4. You must self -assess you and your Child's health status before you leave home. A temperature at 100.4 or higher, Excessive coughing, sore throat etc.
The complete list is at CDC OR CORONA VIRUS OHIO.GOV WEBSITE.
If you or your child have symptoms stay home.
If you or your child begin to experience symptoms at the site or game please isolate yourself or leave facility.
Please make sure you inform the coach of any pre existing conditions for your child (i.e. asthma, diabetes etc.)
If anyone in your family tests positive for Corona Virus, You must contact your coach or Athletic director.
5. No Smoking or Tobacco use
6. FACE COVERINGS are to be worn. (As mandated by governor)
7. Wash hands or use your own hand sanitizer
8. After the game, do not congregate. On many days there will be a game after yours and we will need you to move along for parking reasons and to make sure we do not have overcrowding.
9. Please follow guidelines and if someone from the Parish volunteer staff gives you friendly reminders to comply please respectfully cooperate. Let us work together to follow the guidelines and requirements, even if you feel they are not convenient. Flagrant violators may be asked to leave. We certainly do not want that happen. Thank you for your cooperation. FOR ALL OF US OUR NUMBER 1 PRIORITY IS SAFETY FOR ALL.

PLAYERS

1. Conduct Self Health assessments checking for CDC Symptoms before arriving at site.
2. Maintain 6 foot social distancing except when playing on the field during the game or practice. When in the bench area, 6 foot distance should be maintained. Your coach may be assigning

you a specific area.

Lawn chairs may be a good idea for excess players as dugout gets crowded

3. Bring your own water bottle or small cooler for your own use.
4. If possible, bring your equipment for your own use. (Helmets, bats, gloves etc.)
5. If you need to use Team provided equipment, they will need to be sanitized after each usage.
6. No gum chewing, Spitting, or eating Sunflower seeds.
7. Wash and sanitize hands. Consider an equipment bag for carrying these items.
8. No shaking hands or other contact such as slapping fives.
9. Face coverings are to be worn when you are in bench area. Not required when actually playing on the field.
10. If you begin to experience, some CDC Virus symptoms please alert your parent and coach so you can isolate or leave facility.
11. Please take the guidelines and requirements seriously. This is for your safety.
12. Have fun and enjoy playing the game.

Coaches and volunteer staff.

1. Conduct Self Health assessments checking for CDC symptoms before arriving at the site. If you or players experience symptoms at the site, you should leave the site or isolate.
You need to complete a roster sheet It will be needed for virus tracing if the situation occurs.
Ask parents if their child has any preexisting conditions (I.e. asthma etc.)
2. Maintain 6 foot social distancing as is possible.
3. Have a plan for bench seating for players. Assign areas to players when not in field. Try to recruit parent volunteer to help with safety monitoring.
4. No team snacks or team water cooler.
5. No gum, seeds, or spitting.
6. Wash and sanitize hands.
7. Face coverings are to be worn in in bench area. When coaching bases you may pull it down to communicate longer distances. Try to set a good example for the players and parents.
It will help if players see you wearing the face coverings.
8. Minimize any huddling of players. If you need to address team spread them out.
9. Remember if players share team equipment provided by the league you must sanitize between users.
10. Each team will supply baseballs for your use when you are on defense. Umpires will not handle baseballs.
11. Baseballs that are hit for foul balls into the spectator area or parking lot should be wiped down or sanitized before being used again.
12. After the game please give only brief remarks to the team. No mass huddling. Again if needed spread them out.
13. Let's work together to make all this work. Do the best you can and Feel free to contact me for assistance.
Remember Safety for everyone is our Number 1 Priority. Thank you for taking on this Responsibility. You are appreciated.

CONCESSION STAND AND OTHER SITUATIONS

- 1 If Concession is open, please use Restaurant guidelines.
- 2 Volunteers must wear face coverings. Gloves are a good idea. Wash hands and sanitize often.
- 3 Concession menu should be scaled back to mostly pre-packaged items and drinks.
- 4 Social distancing is to be maintained in the concession line.
- 5 If the need exists to seek shelter. Here are some procedures. If there is a rain delay /lightning delay, everyone should seek shelter in their vehicles.
If another extreme emergency occurs i.e. TORNADO WARNING, OR ANY OTHER POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION OCCUR A parish should have a facility available FOR SHELTER. PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS From the volunteer staff TO PROCEED IN AN ORDERLY SAFE MANNER TO THE SHELTER. THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE FACE COVERINGS, IF WE ARE FORCED TO PUT DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN AN INDOOR FACILITY WITH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ONE ANOTHER

UMPIRES

- 1 Social distancing when all possible.
- 2 Please conduct your own health self-assessment prior to arrival.
- 3 You will have to turn in a DIOCESE COVID 19 WAIVER FORM.
- 4 Face coverings are optional by state guidelines but strongly recommended for base umpires.
- 5 Pay procedure TBA
- 6 Each team will provide their own game baseballs to be used when they are on defense. Umpires should not be handling baseballs.
- 7 No pre game with coaches. Do not accept lineup cards.
- 8 Do not shake hands, slap fives, or make contact with others.
- 9 If you are home plate umpire, you may go behind the pitcher 6 feet. If you go behind the plate, please maintain more than the normal distance behind the catcher.