

## Mandatory

## Recommended Best Practices

### Spectators

- **Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices. This includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same family.**
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
- Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).
- Must keep six-feet or more distance from the backstop.

- Strongly recommended to wear face coverings at all times.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended strongly during the games.

### Coaches

- **Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.**
- Must wear face coverings at all times.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.
- No touch rule – coaches should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Must ensure that players are following COVID-19-related prevention measures included herein.

- Coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas and wearing face coverings while not actively participating on the field of play.
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

### Umpires/ Officials

- **Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.**
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Must wear face coverings at all times.
- Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.

- Digital check-in and registration for all events.
- Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty.

### Leaving the Venue

- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or practice
- Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.
- Individuals should not exchange items.

- Team meetings should occur virtually or over the phone rather than in a team huddle.
- Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible. Face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals traveling to and from the venue.
- Team meals should only occur in compliance with the guidelines issued for restaurants in the state of Ohio.

### Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
- Organizer must maintain a complete list of coaches, players, and employees present at each event to include the date, beginning and ending time of the event, plus name, address, and phone contact to be made available upon request from local health district.

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

\* Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.