



June 2, 2020

		Mandatory	Recommended Best Practices
Arrival to Venue		All participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/course.	Digital check-in and registration for all events.
		Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*	Lineups should be entered online or by spoken word and recorded by officials/umpires without exchanging any physical documents with coaches or players.
		No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.	Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household.
		Compliant game balls must be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.	
		Prior to competitive tournaments, event owners must alert the local health department of the event.	
		These requirements must be shared prior to the event with all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and employees prior to their arrival at the venue.	

Games / Practices		Coaches and players must adhere to physical six-foot distancing except when the ball is in play	Coaches should wear face coverings at all times
		Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.	Athletes should wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play
		No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.	Face coverings are strongly recommended for any spectators.
			For each practice session, it is recommended that coaches divide players into groups and establish rotating shifts when possible.
			Athletes should bring individual water containers.
			Virtual meetings should be considered when possible.
			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.

			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.
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Athletes		Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices off the field of play.	Should wear face coverings at all times when not actively participating in the field of play.
		Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*	Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for athletes during the games.
		Must not share water or equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, and other on- and off-field gear.	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
		No touch rule – players 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.	Consider prohibiting spitting, eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.

Spectators		Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices. This includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same family.	Strongly recommended to wear face coverings at all times
		Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*	Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended strongly during the games.
		Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).	
		Must keep six-feet or more distance from the backstop.	

Coaches		Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.	Should wear face coverings at all times
		Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home	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.
		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.	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.
		Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 related prevention measures included herein.	Consider prohibiting spitting, eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.

Umpires & Officials	Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.	Should wear face coverings at all times.
	Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.	Digital check-in and registration for all events
	Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.	Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty.

Leaving the facility	Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or practice	Team meetings should occur virtually or over the phone rather than in a team huddle
	Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.	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.
	Individuals should not exchange items.	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.	Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
	Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.	Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
	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.	Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.