



	Mandatory	Recommended Best Practices
<b>Parents</b>	Must conduct daily symptom assessments of players and self (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.	Parents should wear face coverings at all times
	Parents of different families need to maintain six feet distance at all times from others.	Hand Washing or Hand Sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is strongly recommended during games
	Parents must not enter the field of play	
	Parents must keep 6 feet or more distance from the backstop	
<b>Athletes</b>	Must conduct daily symptom assessments with parents (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
	Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices <b>off</b> the field of play	Athletes should bring individual water containers.
	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.	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 with anyone not from their own household.
	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.	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
		Consider prohibiting spitting, eating seeds, gum, or similar products.
<b>Coaches</b>	Must conduct daily symptom assessments of self (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.	Coaches should wear face coverings at all times
	Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when not on the field of play	Consider prohibiting spitting, 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.	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.
	Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 -related prevention measures included herein.	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.
<b>Umpires</b>	Must conduct daily symptom assessments of self (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.	Recommended to wear face coverings at all times.
	Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.	Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still being able to perform their duty.
	Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.	
<b>Spectators</b>	Must conduct daily symptom assessments of self (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.	Strongly recommended to wear face coverings at all times
	Spectators of different families need to maintain a 6 feet distance at all times from others.	Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended strongly during the games.
	Spectators must not enter the field of play	
	Spectators must keep 6 feet or more distance from the backstop	



1. Parents need to check in with Coaches to verify that all athletes have passed a home screening prior to any team activity.
2. All players, coaches and umpires should maintain 6 foot social distancing whenever possible.
3. No shared water bottles, water coolers or any other beverages
4. Umpires will not be directly behind home plate for all age groups except for Reese, Koufax and Majors (Softball). Instead balls and strikes will be called by an umpire from behind pitcher's mound.
5. All lineups should be shared electronically or over voice. No paper lineups should be shared at any time.
6. Catchers will not be positioned in normal spot in Boys or Girls Coach Pitch Divisions. Instead, a coach from the defensive team will catch the pitches for their own team. A catcher will be positioned off to the side of the field and can come into play once ball is hit into play. Catchers will wear their own batting helmet instead of catchers gear.
7. Each team will receive 2 sets of catchers gear to use. It is highly recommended that each game there will only be 2 catchers per team, each using the same set of catcher's equipment throughout the game.
8. Any catcher equipment that is shared will need to be sanitized prior to anyone player wearing the equipment.
9. Each team will be provided with 2 game balls per game. These balls should be used while they are in the defensive positions on the field. In between each half inning, balls should be switched out to the other team's game balls.
10. All bats that are left on the field after a hit, will be picked up by a coach. The coach should pick up the bat by the barrel of the bat.
11. All players and coaches should have hand sanitizer with them and use it during the game.
12. Dugouts should not be used, where possible. Only coaching staff, and those players either batting, on deck or in the hole in the line-up should be in dugouts. When not possible players should wear masks when in dugouts Ex. High School Fields, 9 Mile and Atchison Park. Athletes should sit outside of the field of play and dugouts and should sit with their parents.
13. Wherever possible, players will keep their equipment bags outside of the field of play and spaced with social distancing in mind.
14. Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should not be shared amongst players.
15. Individuals should not congregate in groups in common areas or parking lot.
16. Traditional end of game handshake will not occur. Instead each team will line up on their respective base line and conduct an end of the game tipping of the cap to their opponent.
17. Parents are responsible for monitoring their children and enforcing all of the COVID Guidelines.

**In addition the expectation for all events is that all parents and spectators are responsible for their compliance with all guidelines, and that all parents will be responsible for their players.**

**When conducting self-evaluations before attending any event the following conditions are what we are asking you to look for, and if any of these are present... please stay home.**

1. **Fever of 100.4 or higher**
2. **A new cough or shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition.**
3. **A sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition.**
4. **A runny nose that you cannot to another health condition**
5. **Head or Body Aches that you cannot to another health condition**
6. **Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea that you cannot to another health condition**
7. **Loss of taste or smell that you cannot to another health condition**
8. **If you have had contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days**

**These guidelines will be considered fluid as we will continue to update these guidelines based on Federal, State and local guidelines and recommendations along with Health Department and CDC guidelines and recommendations.**