

# **Return To Play**



### **Spectators Responsibilities**

- We reserve the right to not admit any guest exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms.
- Our staff reserves the right to check any player, coach or spectator's body temperature anytime during the day.
- Only (2) spectators per player. Per NYS Governor.
- Spectators are permitted to teams designated fields no more than 10 minutes prior to their child's game time.
- Face coverings are required for all spectators when moving throughout the facility. Face covering may be removed <u>only</u> when sitting/standing stationary with family members.
- Guests are allowed to walk to the restroom or pick-up an order at the Concession Stand. Masks will be required.
- Spectators are required to carry their own sanitizer.
- Parents will be socially distanced and restricted to the areas from the dugouts, down the
  baselines and around the outfield. No one will be permitted behind the backstops as these
  areas are potential choke points of human traffic and to maintain strict social distancing
  they will be off-limits.
- Family spectators must remain as a group.
- Please exit the Complex once games are completed.
- A minimum of 6 ft. Space Zones between guests will be strictly enforced.
- Be mindful and courteous to other Park guests.
- If you observe conduct or Space Zone violations, please let our Staff know immediately.
- A copy of our NY Forward Safety Plan can be found here:
   NYS BusinessReopeningSafetyPlan

#### **Executive Order 202.6 Empire State Development**

Outdoor, low -risk recreational activities are permitted so long as social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting measures are in place.



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### **Coaches/Players Responsibilities**

- Coaches are responsible for the actions and safety of their own team which includes spectators. They should ensure all players are adhering to social distancing in and around the dugout as well as other seating areas while not actively participating in the field of play.
- Coach/Umpire interactions are a part of the game. These interactions should be calm and respectful while remaining at a distance of 6-feet or more.
- (1) Coach permitted within the dugout. Coaches/Scorekeeper to remain outside of the dugouts at all times. Only uniformed players that day will be permitted in the dugout and surrounding area.
- Teams on offense will have only 1 coach and the next 2 players in the batting order in the dugout. All other coaches/players must be outside the dugout and socially distanced. While in the dugout each person will be required to wear a mask. Remainder of the team will be sitting socially distanced on the bleachers outside of the fencing.
- There will be hand sanitizer for use in each dugout. All teams will also be required to carry their own hand sanitizer for use throughout the day and upon completion of each game. Baseballs are to be wiped down between innings.
- All dugouts must be cleaned out and all garbage removed after your game.
- Once a team has completed play they must leave the park. There will be no lingering to watch or scout other teams. (NO team meetings will be allowed after games on the field)
- No seeds or gum will be permitted as that encourages spitting.
- No communal water coolers will be permitted
- All teams waiting for the next game will be permitted near field with coaches in an open space zone.
- All open space will be utilized for warm up areas so teams can spread out far and wide.



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### **Game Play Changes/Rules**

- ★ Some game play rules have been proposed to be altered such as:
  - ◆ No pre or post game team meetings, or team huddles will be permitted.
  - Free substitution will be used, hence no lineup cards.
  - ◆ Mound visits by the catcher or manager only (Not both) will be permitted and all must remain socially distanced.
  - ◆ No sharing of equipment will be permitted.
  - ◆ The home plate umpire will call balls and strikes from a position between the pitcher and 2nd base or wearing a mask from behind the plate.

#### **Practice Rules**

- Coaches and players must adhere to physical six-foot distancing except when the ball is in play.
- Coaches must have a face covering on hand at all times and wear face coverings whenever they are within 6 ft of a child.
- Athletes must wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play and within 6 ft of another player.
- No team water coolers or shared drinking stations. Athletes should bring individual water containers.
- For each practice session, it is recommended that coaches divide players into groups (player pods) and establish rotating shifts when possible. Current threshold is no more than 10 total participants.
- Baseballs are to be wiped down regularly.
- Equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared.
- Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible.
- Only 1 parent or guardian per child will be permitted during practices.
- Face coverings are required for all spectators when moving throughout the facility. Face covering may be removed only when sitting/standing stationary.