

COCOA Safe Distancing Guideline

This document has been constructed to provide guidance to your local municipality how you can play baseball in your area without putting your players, parents, coaches and umpires at risk. These guidelines should be implemented for any games practices or activities involving more than 4 players.

Preparing for practice

- Any child, coach, or family member that has any flu or cold symptoms are to stay home. Coaches and/or team moms shall screen teams prior to practice (via email, text, or groupme, etc.) and require a response in order to participate.
 - “Have you been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?”
 - “Have you been around anyone who’s had COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days?”
- Hand sanitizer for each field will be stored in concessions and is expected to be used frequently.
 - Every time on and off field
- On-field volunteers shall disinfect their own hands and team provided equipment upon arrival.
 - Provide spray can for each team
- No equipment shall be kept in the dugout. Bags shall be hung along field fence INSIDE of field during practices.
- Parents shall wipe down or spray with disinfectant hands, gloves, and bats before practice.
- Do not allow players to share equipment other than team provided equipment.
- Everyone is to maintain social distancing even when on field. On-field volunteers shall wear some type of mask in moments when social distancing can’t be maintained. Recommended that players do the same.
- Only approved volunteers are allowed in the dugout and on fields.
- No water fountains or shared water to be available to anyone.

Game Day preparation

- Any child, coach, or family member that has any flu or cold symptoms are to stay home. Coaches and/or team moms shall screen teams prior to practice (via email, text, or groupme, etc.) and require a response in order to participate.
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 - Every time on and off field
- On-field volunteers shall disinfect their own hands and team provided equipment upon arrival.
 - Provide spray can for each team
- No equipment shall be kept in the dugout. Bags shall be hung along field fence OUTSIDE of field during games.
- Parents shall wipe down or spray with disinfectant hands, gloves, and bats before players are allowed to participate.
- Do not allow players to share equipment other than team provided equipment.
- Everyone is to maintain social distancing even when on field. On-field volunteers shall wear some type of mask in moments when social distancing can’t be maintained. Recommended that players do the same.
- Only approved volunteers are allowed in the dugout and on fields.
- Hand sanitizer for each field will be stored in concessions and is expected to be used frequently.
- Umpires have the choice of being behind the pitching mound or behind the catcher at home plate. If behind home plate then a mask is required.
- No water fountains or shared water jugs are to be available at games to anyone.
- No postgame handshakes. Players and coaches will stand at 1st or 3rd base and tip their caps to the opposing team and say good game together to each other.
- Only pre-packaged post game snacks of any type will be allowed to be given out to players from team parent/coach or volunteer.