

STATELINE FAMILY YMCA YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX 2021 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COVID-19 LEAGUE GUIDELINES*

*All guidelines are subject to change based on city, county, and state recommendations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. If you and/or your child are not feeling well and are experiencing any of these symptoms: fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea, etc., you must stay home and notify your coach. Your coach then must notify the YMCA Youth Sports Director.
- 2. If anyone in a player's household tests positive for COVID-19, the coach AND league must be notified immediately. The player will not be able to return to play until the YMCA has a release order from his/her physician.
- 3. Spectators must follow social distancing with anyone outside of their household. Masks are required for spectators anytime you are not able to be further than 6 feet away from another person.
- 4. Players are not required to wear masks or face coverings during games. It is recommended to wear them anytime outside of gameplay when you cannot socially distance.
- 5. Playground area will not be accessible. It will be blocked off.
- 6. Water fountains will not be accessible.
- 7. All YMCA staff will complete a health and prior to each shift.
- 8. At the end of the day YMCA staff will sanitize all surfaces.

SEATING

- 1. Bleachers will not be accessible. All spectators will need to bring their own seating. Seating will need to be set up to allow for social distance from anyone outside of your household.
- 2. Spectators will be allowed to sit behind the backstop area, along the fence line and in the outfield behind temporary fences in a socially distant manner.

RESTROOMS

- 1. Only 3 people are allowed in the restroom at any one time. Remember to wash your hands and use sanitizer. Restroom doors will be propped open at all times.
- 2. YMCA staff will sanitize bathrooms and port-a-johns every 2 hours at minimum.

SIGNAGE

1. Signs will be placed around the park reminding people to practice social distancing.

CROWD CONTROL/COMPLEX MANAGEMENT

1. The schedule will allow extra time between games when possible to try to reduce crowd size and limit interactions. Players and guests should arrive at the field no more than 30 minutes before game time.

CONCESSIONS

- 1. Employees will wear protective gloves when handling all food.
- 2. Concession employees will be required to wear masks when they are not able to safely social distance.
- 3. There will be no exchanges of food or beverage once purchased.
- 4. Floor markings will indicate line formations that include social distancing of 6 feet.
- 5. One employee per shift will tender cash.
- 6. Condiments will be provided on a limited basis in the form of individual packets.
- 7. Concession employees will sanitize hard surfaces every hour and/or when lines are slow.
- 8. Concession menu may be limited.

THE GAME

- 1. Parents and coaches are required to do self-assessments for possible symptoms. Any person who is experiencing symptoms of sickness is prohibited from attending the event.
- 2. Each dugout will be supplied with their own bottle of antibacterial sanitizer. This is only to be used by the by players and coaches. Due to the amount being used, and for the use and safety of the players and coaches, we ask that these bottles not be used by anyone else and be left in the dugout. An umpire will bring these bottles to the diamonds before the game.
- 3. Players should use hand sanitizer before and after using any shared equipment.
- 4. Only two coaches will be allowed on the field.
- 5. All coaches should wear masks when it is not possible to maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet of another person.
- 6. Each player is required to bring their own equipment. Water bottles, gloves, bats, helmets, and, any other personal items will need to be provided by parents and should not be shared. It is also suggested that parents write the players' names on their equipment.
- 7. YMCA given catcher's equipment may be shared, but must be sanitized by the coach after each player's use prior to another player using the equipment. The YMCA will each team with 1 set of catching equipment. If a player is using their personal catching equipment it must be approved by the Stateline Family YMCA prior to use.
- 8. Bat bags and other bulky items must be lined up along the fence outside of the field of play by the bleachers.
- 9. Players returning to the dugout after play (defensive position, plate appearance, or base running) must use hand sanitizer immediately upon returning to the dugout.
- 10. There will be no chewing gum, spitting or chewing of seeds allowed at the sports complex.
- 11. Umpire will bring the balls for use at the beginning of the game. They will swap those out as regularly as possible.
- 12. At the end of each game, both teams will tip their hat or wave to opposing team from their own foul baseline. There will be no post-game base running or hand-shaking, fist bumping or, any touching with the opposing team.

- 13. At the end of each game all trash shall be picked up and placed into a garbage can. Coaches are responsible to ensure this happens.
- 14. Individuals should not congregate in common areas or the parking lot before or after a game.
- 15. Postgame meetings will be away from the playing area while maintaining social distancing. They are strongly encouraged to be done virtually or over the phone.