



Mundelein Baseball and Softball Association
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2021 Covid Guidelines & Return to Play

Current Status Under Restore Illinois: Stage 4

INTRO

As we move into re-opening MBSA is aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented a number of challenges for organizations. MBSA will continue to follow state and local guidelines. Similar to 2020, our policies are put together with “best practices” and state guidelines from other groups such as:

- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO): Baseball and Softball to Stage 4 (Low Risk) under “Restore Illinois”
- National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)- including references to
 - Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
- Illinois High School Association (IHSA)
- United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA)
- Lake Shore Feeder Baseball League (LSFBL)

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Any person who is experiencing symptoms of illness will be prohibited from attending any baseball/softball activity.
- Players are strongly encouraged to travel to practices and games with members of their immediate family.
- For Players in the field of play, PPE Mask is not required
- Players should wear face coverings when not actively participating in the field of play or when unable to space out over 6 ft.
- Coaches must wear face coverings when within 6 ft. of a player. Coaches are ok to remove mask when past 6 ft.
- It is possible this rule will shift to a 3 ft. requirement following April 1 depending on what the local schools do with hybrid expanding.
- Hand sanitizing is still strongly recommended for players. Players are encouraged to bring their own at this time. Hand washing is also recommended before arrival and after the activity.
- Only players showing symptoms will be removed from the team. Play will continue for the remainder of the team not showing symptoms. Should multiple players on the same team show symptoms please notify the manager and VP's of your sport. The VP's and Executive Board of MBSA will decide if further action is needed.
- Teams are responsible for cleaning all trash from their Team Area.
- Teams are prohibited from handshakes/high fives following games. A tip of the cap will be followed.
- No chewing gum, food, or sunflower seeds allowed in the dugout.
- All post-game meetings should be held outside of the field area as to provide time for teams for the next game to enter (social distancing guidelines should be followed).
- No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
- Fans should abide by all social distancing guidelines when on site.

- Fans will need to avoid any painted or roped off areas intended for players (if applicable). MBSA is allowing use of dugouts. Some teams may choose to spread out among the baselines where the bleachers are.

RETURN TO PLAY FOLLOWING COVID ACTIVITY

- If a player, coach, or other person present does contract COVID-19, current guidelines generally recommend you should remain isolated at home for 14 days after symptom onset.
- Following 10 days from notification of a positive test, players and coaches can resume activity should they obtain and provide us with negative test results and be symptom free (without fever reducing medicine) for 72 hours.
- For player safety and to begin tracking of any 10-14 day window, any positive test needs to be disclosed to your team manager immediately. It is recommended that any positive test be relayed verbally and via email. Managers need to relay that information immediately to the VP's of each sport. VP's will notify the Board of MBSA.