



DYBA COVID-19 Guidelines & Protocols

Effective April--2021

** Please Note that All of the below Guidelines and Protocols are Subject to Change as new local/state government communication is received and updates will be posted throughout the season **

General

- Please follow all local and state guidelines for facilities and events.
 - <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/sports-safety-guidance>
 - **IDPH Guidelines require wearing a face covering during all games, for players, spectators, coaches, and umpires: All participants should wear a face covering that fully covers their nose and mouth and fits snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps, including during training, competition, or other active exercise, whether indoors or outdoors**
 - As a point of reference, IHSA Baseball Softball requirements are that players must wear masks at all times and remain distant when not competing and Gators/Bandanas are not allowed.
- Groups of 50 participants (coaches, umpires, players) or less per event. Spectators will be permitted but must follow guidelines herein, including wearing face coverings.
- Any person who is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 degrees or above, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other CDC-identified symptoms) will be prohibited from participating in DYBA events. Players' parents or guardians shall check their own child for symptoms, and not bring their child to any event if they have any Covid-19 symptoms, including but not limited to those listed above. DYBA families and players should follow CDC travel guidance to protect themselves and others.

Teams

- Teams are prohibited from handshakes/high fives. No handshakes between teams after games.
- The use of sunflower seeds, gum and anything else that is spit from a mouth to the ground is prohibited. This goes for coaches, players and spectators.
- Directors and coaches should be understanding of the potential increase in the amount of time required between events and should attempt to minimize overlap and traffic flow.
- All teams need to pick up all garbage and other items around the dugout area after each game.
- If there must be a line for a restroom, a distance of six feet apart shall be in effect at all times.
- Social distance is encouraged where possible during practice time.
- Keep attendance for every practice and game and include in that any groupings of kids for contact tracing. Positive cases are no longer shutting down entire teams and that is largely due to keeping attendance and knowing who kids have been in close contact with.

Athletes/Coaches

- Teams should spread out as much as possible. Dugouts may be used as long as 6-foot social distancing is adhered to. Players can spread out down their respective foul areas and outside of the dugouts areas as needed (and as long as player safety is not compromised) to aid with social distancing. 6 feet of social distance should be maintained by players/coaches when they are on the sidelines/not directly participating in the game.
- We ask that all players keep their bats and gear in their own respective bags. Additionally, we ask that no players share equipment. If shared equipment is necessary, it must be sanitized before use.
- Players are required to wear personal protective items (face coverings, masks)
- No team huddles on the field during the game.
- Players should bring their own hand sanitizer.
- Players must bring their own water bottles or coolers and must have their names on it. No team water coolers or other shared items will be allowed.

Pre-Game Meeting

- One coach is allowed from each team and must properly social distance.
- Each team's scorekeeper/coach should exchange line up cards electronically (text/ email).

Fans

- All bleachers will be off limits to spectators. Spectators are required to bring their own seating to the event and will need to practice social distancing. Spectators must stay behind the extended fence line in the outfield. No spectators are allowed in the area deemed for player use. Spectators should also maintain social distancing of six feet between families and spread out around the field and in the common areas.
- Spectators are required to wear personal protective items (face coverings, masks) and maintain 6 feet of social distancing
- Fans will be required to exercise and abide by all social distancing guidelines at all times when on site.
- Fans should bring their own chairs and be seated along the foul lines, and in the outfield beyond any fencing or outfield boundaries. Families can sit together but all others must observe the 6-foot guideline and wear a mask.
- Spectators should not be interacting with players near the dugout (even if they are family members). If a player requires something from a parent or fan, they should walk over to the spectator.

Post-Game

- Each team will line up along their respective foul line, then acknowledge the opposing team with a tip of the cap/round of applause then immediately clean and vacate dugout.
- All post-game meetings should be held outside of the field area as to provide time for the teams for the next game to enter (social distancing guidelines should be followed).

Umpires

- The "home plate" umpire will call the game from behind the pitching mound. A second umpire may be used to assist in the field. All Umpires must also wear face coverings masks.