

Best Practices for participating and spectating any MYB activity

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Social Distancing and Masks:

- All players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators should practice social distancing of six feet wherever possible from individuals not residing within their household. If social distancing is not possible, masks should be worn by all parties at all times.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are showing any signs of sickness – tested positive for COVID-19, have had known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19, fever, cough, or related symptoms – avoid participating or spectating any event.

Avoid Personal Contact / Group Celebrations:

- Players/coaches should take measures to prevent all but essential contact – including refraining from handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc.
- Families should vacate the facility as soon as is reasonably possible after the conclusion of the event to minimize unnecessary contact with players, coaches, and spectators.

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Players should wear cloth face coverings when in close contact areas and in places where social distancing is difficult or not feasible.
- Players should not wear protective medical gloves on the field during game play.
- Players are not required to wear a cloth face covering while on the field during game play.
- Players will be permitted to wear a cloth face covering on the field during game play, if physically able to do so, based on any directive of a medical provider or individual determination of the player/parent/guardian/caretaker.

Dugouts and Drinks/Snack:

- Players and managers/coaches should wear a cloth face covering while in the dugout.
- No person(s) other than pre-approved parents, coaches, or umpires should enter the dugout at any time for any reason. All persons in the dugout should wear a face covering.
- All athletes, managers/coaches, and umpires should bring their own personal drinks to all team activities. Drinks should be labeled with the person's name.
- There should be no use of shared or team beverages.
- Teams should not share any snacks or food. Players should bring individual, pre-packaged food, if needed, and are encouraged to eat outside of the dugout whenever possible.

Player Equipment:

- Players should have their own batter's helmet, glove, bat, and catcher's equipment, if applicable.
- Measures should be enacted to avoid, or minimize, equipment sharing whenever possible.
- Player's equipment (e.g. bags, helmets, bats, gloves, etc.) should be cleaned and disinfected before and after each event by a parent/ guardian/caretaker.
- Players should not share towels or other items that they may use to wipe their face or hands.

Misc.:

- Foul balls landing outside the field of play should be retrieved by participating players, coaches, and umpires. Spectators should not retrieve the ball.
- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., should not be allowed in dugouts or on the playing field.
- Players/coaches are to refrain from spitting, including in dugout areas and on the playing field.