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Baseball Procedures COVID

This set of policies has been developed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and other communicable diseases between participants and Volunteers/Staff members.

1. Health Practices

- a. Participants and Volunteers/Staff should wash hands or sanitize after; every practice, touching their face, touching someone else or their equipment, using the restroom, taking or administering medication, handling garbage or garbage receptacles, coming in contact with bodily fluids. Hands should also be washed/sanitized before practices.
 - i. Sanitizer will be provided. However, participants are encouraged to bring their own.
- b. Volunteers/Staff will fill out the health log each day when they show up for practice for themselves and participants.
 - i. Volunteers/Staff who exhibit symptoms of Covid-19 as defined by the CDC will stay home.
 - ii. Participants who exhibit a fever of 100.4< will be picked up promptly.
- c. Volunteers/Staff will wear clean masks while greeting and checking in participants. They may remove them during gameplay situations where physical distancing is in place. Participants must have a mask on hand but do not need to wear it during play. If symptoms develop during practice, they should put on their mask and be picked up immediately. Participants and Volunteers/Staff may also wear a mask if they choose to do so.
 - i. Participants and Volunteers/Staff may not return to practice until they are symptom free, without medication, for 72 hours. We may require a doctor's note to return to practice.
- d. Limit physical contact to only necessary first aid interactions.
 - i. No unnecessary touches such as high fives, hugs, fist bumps, etc.
 - ii. Spitting is prohibited. Including sunflower seeds.
- e. Field gates will remain open to limit high touch surfaces.
- f. Volunteers/Staff must participate in contact tracing efforts of the County should there be an infected individual in the program.
 - i. Accurate attendance must be taken each day to assist in contact tracing efforts.
- g. Participants should come prepared with their own water and snacks.

2. Distancing & Groups

- a. Group sizes will be in alignment with current health orders.
- b. Physical distancing will be maintained at 10 feet during high cardiovascular output activities. 6 feet is acceptable during stagnant drills/off innings.
- c. Participants should keep the same partner for drills that require it throughout a practice session, limiting exposure to others within the group.
- d. Inter-team scrimmage groups should remain the same throughout practice.

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3. Equipment

a. Personal Gear

- i. Sharing of personal items is prohibited. (Water bottles, snacks, gloves, personal bats, personal balls)
- ii. Participants should come with a glove, hat, helmet, cleats (recommended not required) and bat whenever possible.
- iii. Personal bags/equipment should be lined up along baseline fences in 6 foot intervals; not stored in dugouts.

b. Group Gear

- i. In the event rec department bats need to be shared, a volunteer/staff member will sanitize them between each use.
- ii. The catcher should remain the same throughout practice and gear will be sanitized after each practice.
- iii. Balls will be used for one play, placed in the “dirty bucket” and replaced by a clean ball for the next play. A “dirty” bucket, “clean bucket”, rags, and bottle with sanitizer will be provided to sanitize balls.
 1. If an infected individual is discovered to have participated in the program, County protocols for the program will be followed.
 2. If an infected individual is discovered to have participated in the program, all balls will be replaced.
 3. Foul balls should be retrieved by players only. No parents/spectators will retrieve balls.

c. Registration & Attendance

- i. Online registration only; on-site registration will not be available.
- ii. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before practice.
- iii. Participants will be picked up on time as soon as their session concludes.
- iv. Parents/guardians will drop off participants from park boundaries and maintain 6 feet of distancing between others if spectating.

4. Altered game structure

a. All outs will be force outs to prevent physical touching of players.

- i. If a player gets caught in a run down, they are automatically out.

b. Pitching/Catching

- i. The clean ball will be introduced from the coach to the catcher. The catcher will throw it to the pitcher and that ball may be used until it is put into play OR until it is touched by another player.
 1. E.g. A foul ball that is retrieved by the right fielder, that ball must be replaced.
 2. A ball fouled to the backstop that is retrieved by the catcher can remain in use.

c. Dugouts

- i. Dugouts will not house players. Coaches may use them to store equipment.

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- ii. When players are not actively participating in the game, they may line up on the fence by their bags, maintaining 6 feet of distance.



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