

EBA COVID-19 Plan for Social Distancing for Practices

Families and Players

- Check player temperature prior to attending practice. If your player or anyone in your family has a temperature of ≥ 100.4 degrees or is feeling ill, keep your player home. Coaches should follow this same direction and cancel practice if necessary.
- Players should use hand sanitizer before entering the field. Families, please have it in the car or with the player for use prior to drop off.
- No spectators are permitted to attend practice. Please drop off your player no more than 15 minutes before practice and return to pick them up at the end of the scheduled practice time. Carpooling is highly discouraged.
- Players should bring their own equipment—cap, bat, helmets, gloves, water bottles, sunscreen. None of this should be shared with other players.
- There will be at least one set of catcher's equipment per team that will be disinfected between each player use.
- No seeds or gum allowed.

Field Practice Guidance for Coaches and Players

- Only one team is allowed on the field per practice session.
- Six feet of social distance should be maintained between players and coaches throughout practice.
- Player and coach interactions must be contactless (i.e., no high-fives, hand-shakes, etc.).
- Dugouts will not be used for equipment storage, dugouts are available to provide shade from the sun and limited to following 6' social distance rules. No more than 4 people in the dugout at a time is allowed.
- Players will not share equipment that they bring to the field.
- Coaches will be given disinfectant materials to use at practices. If catcher's gear needs to be shared, they will disinfect in between player use. The "L" screens, field gate entrance handles and all balls will be disinfected at the end of each practice.

EBA COVID-19 Plan for Social Distancing for Games

- If players or anyone in their family are feeling ill or have a fever or a family member has tested positive for COVID, DO NOT attend the game. Coaches and umpires should follow the same rules and postpone the game if necessary.
- Players should use hand sanitizer before entering the field.
- Players, coaches and umpires should maintain six feet of distance whenever possible.
- No touch rule – coaches, player, umpires refrain from high fives, handshake line and any other physical contact. A "tip of the cap" will be used as a salute to the opposing team to promote sportsmanship following the game.
- When there is a play at a base, the runner and fielder should resume physical distance immediately upon completion of the play.
- No spitting, seeds or gum allowed for players, coaches or spectators.

- Players should not share equipment (water bottle, gloves, bats, catching gear); if catcher's gear or any other equipment is shared between players, it should be disinfected between each player use.
- During the game, players and coaches will be seated or lined up outside the dugouts unless on defense in the field or offensively in the immediate 4 batters in the line-up. No more than 4 players are allowed in the dugout.
- It is encouraged that coaches and players wear a face covering while not actively participating on the field of play.
- Spectators are asked to sit along the 1st and 3rd baselines and in the outfield, maintaining a six-foot distance. Face coverings are strongly recommended.
- Each team must provide and handle their own baseballs when their team is on defense. Teams should retrieve their own foul balls to the best of their ability.
- Umpires must avoid exchanging documents or equipment. They will officiate the game from behind the pitcher's mound. Face coverings are encouraged.
- EBA has provided coaches with sanitizing solution with their equipment to sanitize any shared equipment (primarily baseballs/buckets/catching gear) after practices. Dugouts should be sanitized after games.
- Bathrooms will be open at the facilities. Drinking fountains will not be available. There will be no concessions at Courtney fields (Braemar) for the season.

Note: As per the direction provided from the MDH, if a coach or player is diagnosed with COVID-19, **we will notify families on that team or any other team that was exposed** and reach out to MDH for further direction.

Coaches, please contact the commissioner for the Fall Evening League at fall@edinabaseball.com immediately if someone on your team tests positive.

Sources for guidelines:

[COVID-19 Sports Guidance for Youth and Adults](#) Updated 6/19/2020

[COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs](#) Updated 6/19/2020