



## SHELBY YOUTH BALL COVID-19 POLICY

The Shelby Youth Ball (SYB) program intends to follow the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, La Crosse Coulee COVID-19 Collaborative (a partnership between La Crosse County Health Department, Gundersen Health System and Mayo Clinic Health System) and The American Academy of Pediatrics. In addition, SYB will align its COVID-19 policy to mirror other summer school and sports programs in the La Crosse area.

### Masking rules:

- **Spectators:** Spectators that are vaccinated do not need to mask. Those not vaccinated that cannot maintain 6 feet distance from others are encouraged to mask.
- **All players:** During practice and games, masking is not required for any player when in the infield or outfield.
- **11U, 10U, 9U, 8U baseball and softball:** All players will mask while in the dugout as there is not enough room to distance 6 feet.
- **12U-14U baseball and softball:** If vaccinated, no masking in the dugout. Masking required for all players that are not vaccinated. Note: All players in this age group need to mask while in the dugout until at least June 18.
- **Tee-Ball and American League players:** Masking is not required when waiting to bat as players will be spaced out. Players should bring a towel, blanket, or chair to practice and games to sit on while waiting to bat.
- **Concession stands:** Masking is optional for all vaccinated workers. Masking is required for all unvaccinated workers of any age.
- **Carpooling with other households:** Limit carpooling. Masking encouraged for all not vaccinated individuals.

### Other Safety Precautions:

- Nobody should greet others with physical contact. After games to show sportsmanship, teams may waive their hats to the other team.
- Keep personal equipment separated from others.
- Players & coaches should bring personal water/sports drink bottles.
- Participants are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to all practices and games.
- Players will sanitize hands prior to taking the field for each practice.
- Personal equipment is recommended, however, shared equipment (helmets & bats) will also be available

### Stay home when appropriate:

Coaches, families, and players shall not attend any SYB event if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are showing COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have had a close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19. The family shall:

- Immediately contact the coach or the league organizers if any of these conditions arise.
- SYB organizers may need to inform staff, parents, and other people about their possible exposure to the virus, while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) [external icon](#) and other applicable laws and regulations.
- Follow guidance from health officials to isolate or quarantine.
- Return to play only after any required isolation or quarantine is complete.