



# COVID-19 GUIDELINES

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Pete Kokinis Baseball League has instituted some additional mandatory rules and guidelines for the 2021 Summer season. These rules are to instill an environment of safety and compliance with local towns and health districts. We are being proactive to stay in line with rules local towns may require, and hope to share these with all parties as soon as possible. For your team to play this season, all coaches must review and agree to these rules.

All coaches and players must sign our regular waiver and the separate COVID-19 waiver, or they are not allowed to practice or play. These waivers are part of the on-line registration process for both players and coaches.

For everyone's safety, we are dependent on everyone to adhere to these rules. We write them with common-sense in mind, and we are here to help you be organized and successful. We do not have all the answers as the landscape is consistently shifting. We will adjust these rules as State and Local authorities dictate.

## General Guidelines:

1. Have hand sanitizer and wipes available at the field.
2. Have stations where hands can be washed or sanitizer can be used in each dugout.
3. Host should disinfect the bench/dugout prior to competition.
4. Everyone wears masks entering the ballfield/ athletic complex.
5. Host team will provide the game balls. Each team will use their own set of game balls while on defense and keep them throughout the game. Game balls will be sanitized as needed.

## Guidelines for Coaches:

1. Coaches must wear masks on and off the field.
2. In the pregame meeting maintain proper social distance between coaches and umpires.
3. Eliminate post-game handshakes.
4. No seeds, gum or spitting.

## Guidelines for Players:

1. No seeds, gum or spitting.
2. Players must clean and sanitize equipment after each use and game.
3. Catchers will be required to wear a close-fitting facemask on the field of play, to start the season. This will be re-evaluated throughout the season.
4. Social distancing on the bench and/or dugout must be implemented per DPH guidelines. Players must wear masks in the dugout.
5. No sharing of water bottles.
6. When social distancing is not possible during dead ball situations, players must wear masks, this includes meetings at the mound.
7. Eliminate post game handshakes.
8. Eliminate pre-game handshakes with coaches/umpires.
9. Carrying hand sanitizer is permissible.

Guidelines for Umpires:

1. Bring personal hand sanitizer. Wash hands frequently
2. The umpires must wear a face mask on the field. (This will be re-evaluated throughout the season.)
3. Clean equipment after each game.
4. Must follow social distancing guidelines. Umpires will maintain proper social distance when talking to others (players, coaches, other umpires) at plate meeting.
5. No pre and post-game handshakes.

What to do if a player or a coach has a positive COVID test:

1. Contact the local Health Department for instructions.
2. Contact your Supervisor. We will reach out to your opponents of the last week to inform them.
3. Follow Doctor's orders
4. The League requires a 14-day period prior to any return of the player or coach.
5. It will be up to the team Manager to insure that a player or coach with COVID does not return until the 14-day period has expired.