



## Lafayette Youth Baseball Covid-19 Return to Play Guidelines

Below you will find precautions that will be taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19 during LYB events. These will be enforced by coaches and league administrators throughout the 2021 season.

### General

- Parents signed Waiver and Release of Liability that includes Covid related illness at registration.
- Teams will be supplied with hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.
- Coaches will be instructed to ensure players at a minimum sanitize or wash hands before and after practices and games.
- Sanitizing wipes will be used between uses if equipment must be shared. LYB will discourage sharing equipment where possible, but there may be situations that require the need to share.
- Physical contact between players such as high fives, fist bumps will be discouraged by coaches. There will be no post game handshake lines. Alternate methods of telling the other team "good game" shall be utilized.
- Players will bring their own drinks to games and practices.
- No food will be allowed in dugouts or on the field of play. This includes sunflower seeds or similar.
- Players or coaches who are sick will not attend practices or games and will follow CDC guidance on when they may return to play.
- Lafayette Youth Baseball will work with the Tippecanoe County Health department if notified of a positive case within the program to conduct appropriate contact tracing and quarantine periods for players and coaches.

### Player Mask Requirements

- Players will be required to wear masks only in these scenarios:
  - Inside of a dugout if the team chooses to use the dugout.
  - When near other players for a team meeting or huddle where 6' social distancing is not possible.
- Players will not be required to wear a mask during practices or games. Coaches will be encouraged to plan practices in a way that maintain social distancing.

### Coach Mask Requirements

- Coaches will be required to wear masks during games when social distancing of 6' cannot be maintained.
- During practices, coaches may remove masks during drills such as throwing batting practice and hitting infield as long as social distancing can be maintained and no players are within 6' of the coaches.

### Staff Mask Requirements

- LYB Staff will be required to wear masks in all scenarios where social distancing cannot be maintained. Common situations include when working on a field with team's present, when inside of a structure such as the shed or concession stand with other persons present, or when walking around the facility with spectator's present.

### Spectator Policy

- LYB games and practices are open-air events, with plenty of space around the fields for social distancing. Spectators are encouraged to sit only with their family and to bring lawn chairs to allow them to spread out around the entire field as necessary.
- Spectators choosing to sit in popular areas such as behind home plate or in the bleachers are asked to wear masks as social distancing in these areas is not likely to be possible.
- Spectators are asked to wear masks when using facilities such as the restrooms or approaching other parties at common areas such as the concession stand.