

Orono Baseball COVID-19 Safety Plan

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Summary

The following guidance has been developed by a collaboration of Metro Baseball League, MYAS/Gopher State Baseball League, Minnesota Softball and Minnesota Department of Health.

Please read and adhere to the guidance provided here including all requirements and recommendations found in the [2021 MN Safe Play: Back to the Diamond Guidelines](#) as you begin baseball participation. Below is a quick glance at some highlights:

Mask/Face Coverings:

- Effective Friday, May 7th, masks and distancing are no longer required outdoors.

Other Requirements:

- Please RSVP your player for every calendar event in SportsEngine app for easy contact tracing
- No sunflower seeds, spitting or chewing gum (players, spectators or coaches)
- No high fives or handshake lines.

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Stay Home if Any Symptoms!

- Player or coach have a temperature of 99.5(F) or higher?
- Player or coach have a new or worsening cough?
- Does player or coach have any of these other symptoms?
 - Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

YES? Stay home!

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Positive Case & Close Contact Exposure Reporting

If either of the following occur:

- 1) A player or coach tests positive for COVID-19,
- 2) OR a player or coach is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case (via household, work, school or other activities),

Then, please complete the following steps:

- 1) Submit the [Orono Baseball COVID Case/Exposure Notification Form](#).
- 2) Do not attend any OBA practice or game until OBA has responded to your form submission and a return date has been identified and communicated.

Contact president@oronobaseball.org with any case/exposure related questions.

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Quarantine Guidelines

Based on details submitted via the OBA COVID Notification Form, OBA will determine the necessary quarantine for the player or coach using the latest [Quarantine Guidance from MDH](#) (updated 3.24.21) and [MDH Sports Quarantine Clarification](#) as guides.

Players/coaches who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and/or have been vaccinated may be exempt from quarantine protocols.

For outdoor sports, the entire team will not automatically have to be quarantined if there is an exposure within the team or an opponent team. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Youth Baseball Close Contact Definitions:

In a practice, only team members and coaches within regular, close proximity with the positive case would be considered close contacts.

In a game, all players within regular, close proximity with the positive case would be considered close contacts. Coaches within regular, close proximity with the positive case would be considered close contacts.

*Each close contact situation may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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Additional Resources

[Full Statement by MBL, GSBL and MDH \(released 4.15.21\)](#)

[MDH COVID-19 Organized Sports Practice and Games Guidance for Youth Sports \(effective 3/14/2021\)](#)

[Recommended Field Map for Teams and Spectators](#)

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