

## RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

We ask all PVAA families to help in making our parks and players safe when at the fields. The below are recommended guidelines for game play. If we all do our part, we can make the remaining season safe and fun for the kids.

### General Guidance (applies to all PVAA Baseball events)

- Off the field, parents, players, and coaches should practice social distancing at all times.
- Parents should bring their own chairs and sit in household groups around the field area. Please keep bleacher use to a minimum.
- Teams playing after another game should enter through the outfield gates when feasible to allow the other teams to exit the dugouts.
- Only coaches, players and umpires are allowed inside the field of play.
- **At the end of each game players will line up on the baselines of their respective dugouts and tip their hats.**

### Players

- No gum or seeds will be allowed for the remainder of the spring season.
- **Players will need to bring their own hand sanitizer and apply it regularly when coming off the field.**
- Players may wear masks if they choose to but we caution against this as it could be a hazard due to the heat.
- Spread out players & bags as much as possible. Hang bags on fences outside of the dugout when necessary.

### Coaches

- All coaches will use hand sanitizer before stepping onto the field and touching any shared equipment (e.g., baseballs).
- **Coaches will need to supply their own hand sanitizer.**
- Coaches try and keep players spaced out while in the dugouts and use the outside area as needed.
- Players and coaches should not congregate at the batting cages and space as needed.
- Base coaches please maintain social distancing at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and anywhere else coaches are on the field of play.

### Umpires

- Umpires will be in normal positions on the field
- Umpires will not be required to wear masks. Some may, but will at their own discretion

### Positive Test Protocols

- Each PVAA sports league will designate a single person for families to communicate any positives COVID tests within their households.
- In the event of a positive diagnosis, the designated league contact will inform the league commissioner of the positive test and inform the team on which the impacted player is assigned that a person or member a person's family has tested positive for COVID. To protect the



confidentiality of our families, this communication must be handled without revealing the identity of the patient's family.

- In the event a player tests positive for the COVID virus, or if anyone in their household tests positive for the COVID virus, the parent must inform their Head Coach immediately of the diagnosis.
- The player, and the player's family must be held out of all team activities (practices and games) for a minimum of 10 days, or until cleared by a medical professional.