

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR SPORTING FACILITIES

It is especially important that organizations require face masks be worn by all spectators as yelling/cheering for their team can increase the spread of COVID-19. The current ordinance in the City of Springfield requires masking for anyone twelve and older, but it is highly recommended for children between three and eleven as well. Facilities have the ability to adopt stricter guidelines for their guests such as requiring masks be worn by younger spectators and coaching staff.



Facilities will need to comply with local occupancy limits.

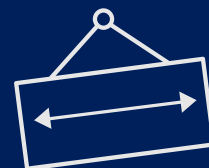


Record attendance of both participants and spectators at each game. Include their name and contact number in case they need to be reached in the event of an exposure.



Spectator areas should be clearly marked off to allow for physical distancing between household groups.

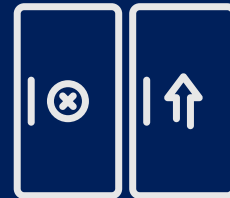
- **Add signage encouraging spectators to remain distanced from non-household members.**
- **Block off every other row to allow for optimal social distancing.**
- **Encourage spectators to bring own seats/chairs and space appropriately.**
- **Be prepared to ask individuals who are sitting in marked off areas to move to an approved area.**



Mark six feet spacing for spectators to wait in line wherever lines may form.



Designate one-way traffic, where possible. During games, provide one entrance and one exit for spectators. If possible, provide a separate entrance and exit for each individual team's spectators. Additionally, providing another single entrance and exit for each competing team is ideal.



Prohibit food in stands/spectator areas. Consuming food and drink requires removal of face coverings which substantially increases the risk of disease transmission.



Stagger shifts and schedules for practices and games



Close common areas (e.g. breakrooms, meeting rooms, etc.) where athletes and spectators are likely to congregate and interact.



Leave adequate time between each practice or events to allow for thorough cleaning and disinfection of all surfaces, equipment and spaces

Clean and disinfect each piece of equipment after every use.

Consider closing the facility for certain periods during the day for complete cleaning and disinfecting.

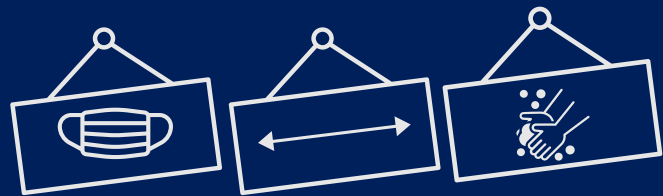


Provide disinfecting wipes for individuals to wipe down sporting equipment surfaces that are in direct contact with skin (or body) after each use.

- **Surfaces include but are not limited to: Balls, rope handles, bats and other sport accessories.**
- **Benches and seats**

When disposable wipes or other disinfecting products are not available, most common household disinfectants such as a 10% bleach solution, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol and most common EPA-registered products that states it kills viruses may be used. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on bottle.

Add signage reminding players and spectators to remain masked, practice physical distancing and wash their hands frequently.



If possible, screen individuals as they enter the facility.

Utilize PA system, staff and volunteers to remind individuals to wear their mask properly and practice physical distancing.

Role model appropriate mask wearing.



Consider all other local guidelines of participating teams who may be traveling to your facility. Avoid allowing teams from communities that do not require quarantine for close contacts of positive individuals to participate in competition within your facility.



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