



WBSI
WARREN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

WBSI Program Preparation Plan

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- The WBSI Program Preparation Plan is based on the following guidances:
 - CDC Considerations for Youth Sports
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
 - New Jersey Department of Health Guidance for Sports Activities
<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/general-public/can-organized-sports-practices-resume>
- This Program Preparation Plan is subject to change as required to ensure compliance with any changes to local regulations.

Coaches

- Coaches will be responsible for communicating applicable details of this plan to parents/guardians and/or participants before commencing practices.
- Coaches will follow all rules and regulations as required by the league in which their team is participating.
- Coaches must remain 6 feet apart from each other, players and spectators whenever possible.
- Coaches should wear cloth face coverings when not engaging in vigorous activity.

Coaches

- Coaches are responsible for minimizing equipment sharing and disinfecting equipment.
 - Best practice includes frequent sanitation procedures for team equipment during games (balls, bats, etc.). Each coach will be provided with supplies for these purposes by WBSI.
 - Coaches will be provided with extra catcher's gear to ensure that all players who plan to play the catcher position has their own equipment for the duration of the season.
 - Sharing of equipment should be avoided whenever possible and if not possible, coaches are responsible for properly sanitizing the equipment before it is utilized by another player.
- Coaches are responsible for sanitation of high touch surfaces with cleaning products supplied by WBSI after practices/games. This includes both dugout benches and any bleachers used by the players.
 - Parents can assist with cleaning, but cannot be in the dugout or on the bleachers when players are present.
 - For more information, consult the CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/cleaning-disinfecting-decision-tool.html>
- Coaches will be provided with masks and hand sanitizer.

Coaches

- Coaches are responsible for assessing the appropriateness of COVID-19 related preventive measures and deciding when it is appropriate for their team to participate or play.
- Coaches should not attend practices/games if they:
 - Are feeling sick
 - Have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 calendar days
 - Are showing symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 calendar days
 - Have recently (within the last 14 calendar days) had close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- Coaches will be required to complete the same health questionnaire and temperature checks as players prior all practices/games. Temperature readings must be less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Coaches with temperatures above 100.4 will not be allowed to participate.
 - Coaches must notify an executive WBSI board member if a player or coach exhibits a temperature of 100.4 or above and/or becomes sick.
 - Coaches developing any symptoms of COVID-19 during the activity should promptly inform the other coaches and must leave the practice/game.

Coaches

- Practice activities should be designed to limit activities which involve person to person contact between players and/or coaching staff. Activities should focus on having players in small groups that remain together and work through stations rather than switching or mixing groups.
- All teams must have at least 2 (two) coaches present for all practices/games to ensure completion of appropriate documentation and to facilitate social distancing of players. More than 2 coaches are highly encouraged.
 - If only 2 (two) coaches at a game, one coach must remain in the dugout to manage players when the team is batting.

Coach and Player Best Practices

- Coaches and players must refrain from spitting, handshakes, high-fives, team huddles and any other close-contacting activities.
- All coaches/players must bring their own water/drinks to all practices/games to avoid inadvertent sharing of drinks and or food.
- Team water coolers are not permitted.
- All equipment must remain separate from other player/coach's belongings. Recommend that all equipment and water bottles are labeled with a name.
- Coaches and players will be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or utilize hand sanitizer frequently.
- Hand sanitizer must be placed in a visible location for player and coach use during games and practices.
- Coaches and players must cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of their elbow. Tissues must be discarded in the trash and hands sanitized immediately.

Players

- Players must remain 6 feet apart from other players and coaches whenever possible.
- All players must use their own equipment and avoid sharing equipment with other players. Players must avoid sharing food, beverages, water bottles, towels, pinnies, gloves, helmets or any other equipment or materials involved in direct bodily contact.
- Each player must bring their own cloth face covering to every practice/game and it is recommended to have their own supply of hand sanitizer whenever possible.
 - Players should wear cloth face coverings when not engaging in vigorous activity (e.g. sitting on the bench).
 - Face coverings should not be worn by players while engaging in high intensity aerobic or anaerobic workouts.

Players

- Players should not attend practices/games if they:
 - Are feeling sick
 - Have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 calendar days
 - Are showing symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 calendar days
 - Have recently (within the last 14 calendar days) had close contact with a person with COVID-19
- Upon arrival at the field, the parent/guardian or other responsible adult representing the player must answer health related questions for the player and the player must have their temperature taken. Temperature readings must be less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Players with temperatures above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be allowed to participate.
- Players developing any symptoms of COVID-19 during the activity should promptly inform the coaches and must leave the practice/game.
 - Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their child home or to a healthcare facility if he/she becomes sick.

Facilities

- Gatherings of coaches, staff, and spectators must abide by the gathering limitations outlined by NJ State Executive Order 152 and / or the Order in effect at the time of the practice/game.
- Signs, tapes and physical barriers have been implemented at the Warren fields to reinforce best practices that help prevent the spread of coronavirus.
- Signage has been placed in highly visible locations at the fields including inside and outside dugouts, at the facility entrance and inside and outside the bathroom facilities.
- Practice/game times will staggered per field to reduce crowding at the fields and avoid contact between incoming and outgoing teams and spectators.
- Sanitation of high touch surfaces - Cleaning of benches, dugouts, and bleachers must occur following each game .
- Picnic tables are not to be used.
- The snack shack will not be opened until further notice.

Facilities

- Bathroom Facilities
 - Bathroom facilities will be open at the fields.
 - Signage reminding bathroom users of proper social distancing procedures have been placed inside and outside of the bathrooms.
 - Occupancy will be limited to one person at a time unless it is individuals from the same household/family members.
 - Bathrooms will be supplied with soap and cleaning supplies.
 - Non-paper hand drying equipment is available.
 - Garbage cans
 - Bathrooms will be cleaned frequently (i.e. daily whenever possible)

Facilities

- WBSI will provide hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap, or other sanitizing materials at entrances, dugouts, bathrooms, and any other area prone to high traffic.
- Dug outs and Bleachers
 - Visual markers have been placed in dug outs and on bleachers to remind players of social distancing requirements
 - Bleachers have been roped off and are designated for player use only.
- Trash cans will continue to be empty by Warren Department of Public Works
- Water spigots and water fountains are not to be used.
- All gum, seeds and candy are ban from the facility.

Spectators

- Spectators must adhere to social distancing guidelines and should remain 6 feet apart from each other whenever possible.
- All non-essential visitors and spectators should be limited as much as possible.
- Spectators should wear face coverings at all times unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or the individual is under the age of two (2).
- All spectators will need to bring their own chairs and ensure that they avoid interaction between spectators who are not members of the same household.
- Spectators must refrain from interaction with coaches and players during practices/games.
- Spectators should not attend practices/games if they:
 - Are feeling sick
 - Have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 calendar days
 - Are showing symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 calendar days
 - Have recently (within the last 14 calendar days) had close contact with a person with COVID-19

What Happens if a Player or Coach is confirmed as having COVID-19?

- Players and coaches will be notified by WBSI via email of any potential exposure while maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of the coaches/players involved.
- WBSI will work with local Warren recreational director(s) and league officials to identify additional reporting requirements.