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## **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS - Baseball/Softball**

### **Parents/Guardians/Supervising Adults:**

Every adult who is responsible for providing care for children in these settings must be aware of these facts and be willing to comply with the infection control measures that are in place in order to protect all EAA members. Adults should monitor the health of their children and not allow them to participate in activities if they are feeling ill and/or exhibit any symptom of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting).

### **Player Or Staff Has Close Contact With An Individual with COVID-19 Symptoms:**

Anyone with close contact (within six feet for more than 15 minutes) with an individual who isn't masked and exhibits symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 should be sent home. The individuals with close contact should quarantine and stay away from team activities for 10 days, self-monitor for 14 days and be symptom-free before returning to any EAA activity.

If everyone is masked during the close contact, the individual who exhibits symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home and the remainder of the individuals will self-monitor for symptoms.

### **If COVID-19 Symptoms Are Exhibited During An Event:**

If a coach, player or staff member exhibits symptoms during an event, they should be immediately sent home or to a healthcare facility depending on the severity of the symptoms. They should not be allowed to return to activity until they have met the CDC criteria to discontinue isolation (see below).

Parents/Guardians/Supervising Adults need to contact their primary care physician and promptly seek COVID-19 testing and report results to the coach and EAA Program Director given the implications for other children, families and staff.

### **Coach/Player/Parent/Staff/Volunteer Members Return to Play:**

If a member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 they must isolate at home and will not be allowed to return to participation until all three of the following criteria are met:

- at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- the individual has improvement in symptoms
- the individual is fever-free without the use of medications for at least 24 hours

**Notification:**

Parents immediately notify the coach and EAA contact (see below) of any lab confirmed case of COVID-19 while complying with state, privacy/confidentiality laws and with the *Americans With Disabilities Act*. EAA will work with the coach, team and local health officials regarding close contact COVID-19 cases.

Require those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home, self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

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- Softball Contact: Joey Macken [joeymacken@elkhornathletics.org](mailto:joeymacken@elkhornathletics.org)
- EAA Executive Director: Bruce O'Neel [bruceoneel@elkhornathletics.org](mailto:bruceoneel@elkhornathletics.org)

**Cleaning / Disinfecting Surfaces:**

Any areas, surfaces, or shared objects used must be cleaned and disinfected immediately.

**Multiple Infections:** If 3 or more team members test positive for COVID-19, EAA will work with state and local health care officials regarding appropriate decisions on continued operation of the sports league.

**\*EAA reserves the right to make adjustments according to state and local health guidelines.**



## Building Utilization and Practice Protocols

- **Attendees:**
  - Only EAA players and coaches are allowed inside Elkhorn Training Camp and EAA's Victory Center during practices.
  - Parents should coordinate pick-up/drop-off and not go inside the facilities during scheduled EAA PRIME and EDGE indoor practice times.
- **Facial Coverings:**
  - Players and coaches must wear facial coverings at all times.
- **Hand Sanitizer:**
  - Players and coaches must use hand sanitizer before entering and when exiting the facility.
- **Team Transition:**
  - Coaches are expected to oversee all transition periods.
  - Coaches and players cannot enter the building until the team practicing before them has left.
  - Coaches must end all practices 10 minutes early in order to allow for a safe transition.
- **Hydration:**
  - Players must bring their own water bottle and cannot use water fountains or sinks.
  - Players may not share their water with anyone else.
- **Physical Distancing:**
  - Players, coaches and family members must maintain six feet of distance whenever possible.
- **Equipment:**
  - Coaches should handle the equipment and minimize the number of individuals handling the equipment.
- **Practice Plans:**
  - Build your practice plans to accommodate additional time for social distancing, sanitizing equipment and transitioning 10 minutes before your schedule time concludes to allow for the following team to enter.