

UBA Covid-19 Guidelines to Promote Safe Play

In accordance with the State of Massachusetts

Phase IV, Step 1 Reopening Plan Amended April 2, 2021

UBA baseball is considered a “Moderate Risk Level” activity under MA Reopening Plan.

Guidelines Updated April 16, 2021

First and foremost, in order to participate or attend UBA events: All participants, volunteers, coaches and spectators must show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days. If a child is unable to attend school for COVID-19 related reasons then they are unable to attend baseball activities until such time they are able to return to school. If any individual develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the season, they should promptly inform their coach or a member of the UBA Board and cease attending games/practices for the safety of all other participants.

In order to operate the season in as safe a manner as possible the UBA is taking the following precautions:

- No more than 30 players are allowed on any field of play.
- Coaches, staff, referees, umpires and other officials are required to wear facial coverings and maintain social distancing of 3’ from players, coaches, spectators, and other persons at all times when gameplay allows.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be provided to all coaches for use in the dugouts. We encourage players to have personal hand sanitizer in their bags as well.
- Access to equipment storage will be limited to coaches and board members only.
- If any equipment is shared (i.e. catcher’s gear) it must be cleaned and disinfected between uses and/or games.
- Each team shall supply and handle their own baseballs, touch points shall be limited within teams. Umpires and others shall not touch equipment.
- Restroom facilities will be cleaned and disinfected frequently, and adequate soap will be available for hand washing.

Furthermore, all participants must adhere to the following guidelines for the 2021 season:

- The use of candy, gum and/or sunflower seeds is not permitted by players, coaches, umpires or spectators.
- Spitting is not allowed.
- Players must have their own glove, helmet, bat and water bottle for all practices and games. There will be no sharing of this equipment.

- Face coverings and social distancing of 3' is required when participants are not actively engaged in an activity (e.g., on bench, huddles, breaks, pre/post practice).
- Masks are required at all times while dugouts are in use. The 3' social distancing rules must be followed even while in the dugout. Players and coaches may elect to use space down the left and right field lines (off playing field and outside fence- if possible) instead of the dugouts.
- Individuals are not to congregate in common areas or parking lots following practices or games.

Additionally, further actions of participants can help the UBA in its efforts to have a 2021 season:

- We encourage you to limit the number of spectators in a group and require maintaining at least 3' between spectator groups at all times.
- Spectators are encouraged to wear facial coverings.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will update these guidelines as required. We are excited to see players on the fields again through the UBA. Your cooperation with these Safe Play Guidelines is appreciated in helping to provide the area kids an opportunity to play baseball.