

MPAA COVID DUGOUT RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the rising Covid 19 infection rates, MPAA is recommending the following actions be taken by ALL MPAA Baseball/Softball Teams. The safety and health of our players and parents is our number one priority and while the dugouts will remain open for the time being, we would strongly recommend the following procedures be used for the dugouts:

1. Only 3 players at a time in the dugout. They should be spaced 6' apart.
2. Coaches should remain outside the dugout as much as possible, but against the fence when on defense.
3. One player on deck and one player at bat while 3 players are in the dugout.
4. The remaining team members should have spots assigned on the bleachers for them to sit. They should be spaced 6' apart.
5. Parents are encouraged to bring their own chairs to allow for more room on the bleachers.
6. Teams are encouraged to get more parents involved with keeping the players in their spots and ready to go.
7. Players should not need/have their bats until they go to the on deck circle.
8. Bat Bags should be kept OUTSIDE the fence between the dugout and the outfield fence to allow for 6' distancing between bags. They should not be hung up directly behind the dugout.
9. As a player bats, a rotation should happen from the bleacher to the dugout to the on deck circle to the plate.
10. Once a player completes their at bat and is out or scores, they should return their batting helmet to their bat bag, get their hat and glove and sit on the bleachers until time to play defense.

We truly appreciate everyone's effort in trying to limit the exposure to Covid as much as possible. We will be monitoring the situation and the teams to determine if the dugouts can remain open. If we all work together on this, we have no doubt we can have a safe and successful fall season.