



Neenah Baseball, Inc Covid Guidelines for Practices and Games

Spectator Guidelines:

- **Spectators** are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of themselves (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing any COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, fever, ect...) the **Spectator** must stay home and not participate until they have been non-medicated, fever free for 24 hours. Contact and/or reference Winnebago Health Department website to determine if you should be tested.
- Wearing a face covering is **RECOMMENDED** if six foot distancing is not possible.
- **Spectators** should social distance (6ft distance) while watching the games on sidelines and outfield area. The bleachers and dugout area will be for players only and should not be entered unless needed.
- Face Coverings will be **REQUIRED** in the concession stand.

Player Guidelines:

- Parents are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of their **player** (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing any COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, fever, ect...) the **player** must stay home and not participate until they have been non-medicated, fever free for 24 hours. Contact and/or reference Winnebago Health Department website to determine if you should be tested.
- Wearing a face covering is **OPTIONAL** when **players** are on the field, outside the dugout area, and inside the batting cages during practices and games.
- Wearing a face covering is **OPTIONAL** when **players** are in the dugout during practices and games.
- During the game, **players** should social distance (6ft apart) by using designated areas outside the dugout. Masking is **OPTIONAL** in the designated areas.
- Whenever possible, equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users. There will be spray sanitizer available on the field.
- Each **player** should have their own drink/water bottle with their name on it.
- **Players** should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A "tip of the cap" can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- Coaches and **players** should not huddle up between innings, before, or after games.

- No spitting or eating any food while playing in a game, this includes seeds and gum.

Coaches Guidelines:

- **Coaches** are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of themselves (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing any COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, fever, ect...) the **coach** must stay home and not participate until they have been non-medicated, fever free for 24 hours. Contact and/or reference Winnebago Health Department website to determine if you should be tested.
- Wearing a face covering is **OPTIONAL** when **coaches** are on the field, outside the dugout area, and inside the batting cages during practices and games.
- Wearing a face covering is **OPTIONAL** when **coaches** are in the dugout during practices and games.
- During the game, **coaches** should social distance (6ft apart) by using designated areas outside the dugout. Masking is **OPTIONAL** for **coaches** in designated areas also.
- **Coaches** should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip of the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- **Coaches** and players should not huddle up between innings, before or after games.
- No spitting or eating any food while playing in a game, this includes seeds and gum.
- Whenever possible, equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users. There will be spray sanitizer available on the field.
- **Coaches** should ensure players are adhering to social distancing whenever possible.
- For practice sessions, it is encouraged that **coaches** divide players into small group stations whenever possible and keep those groups throughout practice.

Umpire Guidelines:

- **Umpires** are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of themselves (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing any COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, fever, ect...) the **umpire** must stay home and not participate until they have been non-medicated, fever free for 24 hours. Contact and/or reference Winnebago Health Department website to determine if you should be tested.
- **Umpires** will have the option to call balls and strikes from behind the plate or behind the pitcher.
- Face Coverings will be **OPTIONAL** if calling balls and strikes behind the plate.
- Face Coverings will be **OPTIONAL** if calling balls and strikes behind the mound.
- Face Coverings will be **OPTIONAL** for the field umpire.
- **Umpires** should adhere to physical six-foot distancing whenever possible.

Confirmed/Exposure Cases:

NBI has been in contact with Winnebago County Public Health and will follow recommendations and guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy season.

*Per direction from Winnebago County Public Health- When a person receives a **positive COVID 19 test**, that patient's information and results are immediately sent to Public Health, who will contact that individual to begin contact tracing. Public Health will make the decision on how far back, and who needs to be contacted to be advised that they may have been exposed. Public Health will advise these people on what the next steps are and **not** Neenah Baseball, Inc. Typically, a 10-day isolation will be recommended by Public Health; **which would mean no Neenah Baseball for 10 days since symptoms first appeared.***

*Per direction from Winnebago County Public Health- When a person suspects or has been informed of a **close contact exposure**, that person should contact or reference Winnebago County Health Dept website for quarantine options. Neenah Baseball, Inc will follow the safest guidelines recommend at that time (currently a 14 day quarantine from the last date of exposure is recommended); **which would mean no Neenah Baseball for 14 days after exposure.***

A case-by-case basis, while consulting with the WCHD, will be taken to determine if games/season needs to be cancelled or put on hold. If games/season is suspended or cancelled, the coach will reach out to player's parents, and NBI will also utilize email/website to make announcements.

*NBI will **not** release any information regarding who the person is that tested positive, for any reason. NBI would only know this information if the person advised NBI directly. Coaches and board members will **not** receive any information that is not released to the public. If the person in question wishes to make this information public, that will be their choice, however NBI will adhere to all HIPPA regulations. This will include but not limited to; name, age group, team, coaches name or information, sex or date played.*

Please utilize these websites:

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/winnebago_county_recommendations_10.13.20.pdf

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/next_steps_wchd_final_12.7.20.pdf

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02836.pdf>