

## **MAA Youth Baseball/Softball COVID-19 Guidelines** 2021 Season

The Merton Athletic Association (MAA) has developed guidelines for their coaches, athletes, parents for the 2021 baseball, fastpitch, coach pitch seasons. Personal responsibility remains critically important during this time to keep your family healthy.

**It is important that each family individually discuss and abide by these guidelines.**

**What to do if sick:** Any player, coach or volunteer are asked to stay home and not participate if they have any Covid-19 symptoms. Notify the coach if your child will be absent. Coaches/volunteers please notify each other if you are unable to make a practice or game.

**Equipment:** All players should bring their own equipment. Please label your equipment. Equipment includes: 1) Glove, 2) Bat, 3) Batting Helmet.

**Social Distancing:** All players and coaches should practice social distancing of 6 ft. when possible. It is suggested to bring a chair for your player to sit in while their team is batting.

**Face coverings:** Wearing a face covering will be left to the individual discretion of each participant. Players are allowed to wear face coverings during play on the field if they choose.

**Food during games:** Players and coaches should refrain from eating food during games – including sunflower seeds and gum.

**No Handshakes/Celebrations:** Players and coaches should refrain from handshakes, high fives, and other celebrations that involve touching. At the end of the game teams should line up on the infield foul lines and tip hats to the other team to celebrate sportsmanship.

**Playing other organizations:** It is expected that any teams traveling to non-MAA facilities abide by whatever guidelines are provided by the host facility.

### **Spectator Guidelines:**

- Anyone sick or showing symptoms of being sick should stay home.
- All spectators should follow best social distancing practices — stay six feet away from individuals outside their household; consider wearing a cloth face covering when social distancing is challenging or not feasible; avoid direct hand or other contact with players/managers/coaches during play.
- Spectators are encouraged to practice social distancing from the players.
- Spectators should bring their own chairs for seating during the game.