

Sutton Youth Baseball (SYBL) promotes the health of all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and spectators. With the current regulations put forth by the State of Massachusetts we are addressing guidelines and expectations for the players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and spectators of our games this Fall. The following guidelines will be used to accomplish this goal.

GENERAL

To participate or attend events at SYBL fields, players, coaches, umps, volunteers and spectators must show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days. Anyone who is sick or showing symptoms of being sick should stay home. **Players, please notify your coach/board if you will be considered absent. In the event that are diagnosed with COVID-19, you must test negative and show no symptoms before returning.**

In the event that any persons, who have visited any of the SYBL fields, are diagnosed with COVID-19, please notify the coach/board. Please give the dates that you were on the field and we will make the proper phone calls to ensure the safety and health of any family members/spectators that would have been at the field on those dates (coaches will be taking attendance).

PLAYERS AND COACHES

- All players and coaches must achieve proper hand hygiene at the beginning and end of all games/practices. Parents are encouraged to supply their player(s) with sanitizer spray/wipes for personal use before, during or after games as necessary. Hand sanitizer will be available on the field.
- Players should bring their own equipment and water bottles for playing and should store their equipment away from other players. All equipment should be labeled with the player's name. In the event that a player is unable to bring their own equipment, please reach out to your coach and SYBL will do our best to accommodate the player.
- Players/coaches should arrive at scheduled game times and leave the fields at the conclusion of games. There will be no congregating at fields or parking lots after conclusion of games.
- There will be no more than 25 players or participants on a single playing surface/area/court at any one time.
- Social distancing will be required as defined by state/local regulations, 6 ft apart at all times when able. This will include eliminating common practices including: high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, sharing personal items, eating/using seeds, spitting, team snacks and food sharing, etc.

- Any equipment that is required to be shared i.e.: catchers gear, will be disinfected between players
- Coaches will be required to wear a face covering at all times.
- Players at bat will be required to wear their face covering once safely on base. All other players will be required to wear their face covering while not in the field of play.

SYBL FACILITIES

- For team and group sports, there will be a per-game attendance total of 50 (excluding players, coaches & umps) until further notice in accordance to the new guidelines set on 8/13/2020. "Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25% of the maximum permitted occupancy of the facility or space as documented in the occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or the other municipal recordholder if there is a capacity limitation on record, or 8 persons per 1,000 square feet where no occupancy limitation is on record, and never more than 50 persons in a gathering in a single outdoor space."
- All families should try to limit the number of family members and friends they bring to games.
- The public bathrooms will be open for use at the Hough Street field. Bathrooms will be sanitized with a CDC approved product from LIST N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).
- Concession stand will remain closed until further notice.
- Dugouts will be open for use and will be sanitized before and after games.
- When umpires are available, home plate umpires will be positioned 6 feet behind the pitcher's mound until further notice to avoid too many bodies in close proximity to one another.

SPECTATORS

- Spectators should arrive at scheduled game times and leave the fields at the conclusion of games. There will be no congregating at fields or parking lots after conclusion of games.
- Social distancing will be required as defined by state/local regulations, 6 ft apart at all times. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs from home and families should sit together and maintain social distancing from other families for the event.
- We strongly suggest that spectators bring their own chairs for sitting and respect the social distance guidelines.

- Spectators should wear a mask. The following order has been put in place by the state 8/13/2020 : **“Face coverings:** For gatherings of more than 10 people, all persons over the age of two **must wear a face covering when they attend indoor and outdoor gatherings** where participants other than those in the same household will be in attendance, unless they are prevented from wearing a face covering by a medical or disabling condition. This restriction applies to gatherings in all venues and locations, including private homes, backyards, parks, athletic fields and parking lots.”

****Any persons considered high risk should consider not participating or attending activities/events, if such persons choose to attend they are highly recommended to wear masks or other protective equipment.**