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De Pere Baseball Guidelines for Practices and Games

- The COVID 19 Waiver must be completed by a parent/guardian prior to participation in practice or games.
- **Gatherings of 50 people or less are permitted at one field/diamond. This includes the players, coaches, spectators and umpires. Each player will be allowed to have 1 family member attend the game. Members of the same family will not be required to socially distance themselves.**
- Umpires will call balls and strikes from a safe distance from behind the pitcher unless deemed appropriate at a later date to be behind the catcher.
- **Failure of players and spectators to follow these guidelines could result in the City of De Pere/Town of Lawrence/Town of Ledgeview terminating the use of their facilities. Violations could jeopardize the baseball season for all of De Pere Baseball**
- Players and their families should not come to the park prior to the start of their game. Warmup time will be built into the game time. If you arrive early please remain in your vehicle.
- **Each park where games/practices are being held will have a site supervisor to ensure these guidelines are being followed.**
- The concession stands will not be open.

Sanitation:

- The bathrooms may be available at Quarry Park and Kelly Danen. The bathrooms are maintained by the Municipality. It is recommended that one person/family should be in the bathroom at a time to maintain social distancing.
- De Pere Baseball supplied equipment will be sanitized after each use by an individual player.
- Scoreboard controllers will be sanitized after each use by an individual.
- Equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

Player Guidelines:

- Parents are requested to do a daily symptom assessment of their player (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate.
- Wearing a face covering is encouraged.
- **While not on the field, players should socially distance from other players. It is recommended that players bring a chair to be set up behind the dugout, along the fence, or with their family. Players should keep their equipment on or under their chair. When not in the field players should sit in their chairs unless they are batting, on deck, running the bases, or warming up.**
- **Members of the same family will not be required to socially distance themselves.**
- Players' chairs and personal equipment should be spaced 6 feet apart outside the field of play. The dugouts will be used for the on deck batter and coaches, but with the 6-foot guideline in place.

- There will be no use of a bat rack. A player's equipment must remain at the player's bag when not in active use.
- **Each player should have their own drink/water bottle that is labeled with their name. The bottle should be kept with their equipment.**
- **Players will be prohibited from spitting, eating candy, sunflower seeds, or chewing gum before, during, after games, or anytime while on the park premises.**
- Equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.
- **Catcher's gear will be used as needed, one set per player. Once gear is no longer needed for that player, it will be set aside to be sanitized before the next use.**
- No touch rule - 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.
- Players should maintain the 6 foot guidelines when warming up before and during the games.
- Coaches and players should not huddle up during the game, between innings, before or after games unless maintaining the 6 foot guideline.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice. They should leave as soon as possible so the next teams can come to the park for their practice/game.

Coaching Guidelines:

- Coaches are requested to do a daily symptom assessment (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate.
- Wearing a face covering is encouraged.
- **Members of the same family will not be required to socially distance themselves.**
- No touch rule – 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 unless maintaining the 6 foot guideline.
- **Coaches will be prohibited from spitting, eating candy, sunflower seeds, or chewing gum before, during, after games, or anytime while on the park premises.**
- Equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.
- At the Pee Wee level the pitching machine handle and other parts that are touched when setting the machine up should be disinfected after each coach uses it.
- Coaches should ensure players are adhering to social distancing whenever possible.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice. They should leave as soon as possible so the next teams can come to the park for their practice/game.
- For practice sessions, it is encouraged that coaches divide players into small group stations whenever possible.

Practices/Game Specifics:

- Equipment and other personal items should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

- New baseballs will be used for each game.
- Umpires will call balls and strikes from a safe distance from behind the pitcher unless deemed appropriate at a later date to be behind the catcher.
- Practice and game schedules will be spaced so that there is time between practices/games to allow for arrivals and departures to be spread out.
- **Games will have hard time limits to provide certainty of schedule, allowing for more specific arrival and departure from games. When the clock is at :00 the game is over. You can not finish the inning.**

Spectators:

- Spectators are requested to do a daily symptom assessment (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms including a temperature of 100.3 or higher and/or other symptoms must stay home and not participate.
- Wearing a face covering is encouraged.
- **Members of the same family will not be required to socially distance themselves.**
- Failure to follow these guidelines could jeopardize the entire season for all of De Pere Baseball
- **Spectators will be prohibited from spitting, eating candy, sunflower seeds, or chewing gum before, during, after games, or anytime while on the park premises.**
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chair to the games and maintain social distancing by spreading out throughout the park.
- **Bleachers and picnic tables where available will be used at your own risk. They will not be sanitized. Bleachers where available will be sectioned off to allow for social distancing.**
- Players and spectators should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice. They should leave as soon as possible so the next teams can come to the park for their practice/game.

Confirmed Cases:

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health department about suspected cases or exposure.
- **According to CDC and State Health guidelines, if a player or coach is diagnosed with a communicable illness, including Covid-19 the team will be required to self quarantine for 14 days. A player or coach who is required to quarantine is quarantined from all league and tournament team practices and games during the 14 day self quarantine. Any games involving the player or coaches team will be cancelled during the 14 day self quarantine.**