

## PAA COVID-19 Safety Guidelines Updated April 2, 2021

In an effort to protect Pond Athletic Association's (PAA's) players, families, coaches, umpires, and staff, PAA will follow the current St. Louis County [Youth Sports Guidelines - COVID-19 Information Site \(stlcorona.com\)](https://stlcorona.com) to reduce the spread of COVID-19. It is critical that everyone adhere to the restrictions and rules listed below and noted on the STL Corona link. The health and safety of your children, coaches and families are our highest priority.

### Covid Requirements

1. **MASKS** Everyone entering and leaving PAA must wear masks. Players and officials can take masks off while playing, however everybody else including coaches, players on the bench, and all spectators must keep masks on while at the facility if they are unable to practice social distancing.
2. **SCREENING** Managers are responsible for performing the required health screening for all players and coaches on his/her roster prior to each game. This process may be delegated to an Assistant Coach or Covid Dugout Monitor. Once completed, the coach will submit an online form stating all participants have been screened. Teams must maintain a list of the players & coaches in attendance, date, time, and contact information for all participants. Teams must be able to provide this information if requested by St. Louis County. Managers can scan the QR Code located throughout the ballpark or click on the following link to produce the Team Screening Form.  
<https://forms.gle/e8sXcZWTXjDcbGCT6>
3. **COACH LIMIT** Teams are limited to **2 Coaches** per team per St. Louis County guidelines. Additionally, teams may have a Covid Dugout Monitor.
4. **WATER & SEEDS** Team water and shared jugs are not allowed. Players must provide their own drinks, including water. No sunflower seeds. No gum. No spitting.
5. **DUGOUTS** Dugouts may only be used for games.
  - o Players are to try and maintain social distancing while in the dugout and should wear masks if they cannot social distance.
  - o Parents, siblings and fans are NOT permitted in the dugout area.
  - o Teams are required to clean their dugout of all trash and other items after each game.
6. **EQUIPMENT** Each player is strongly encouraged to have his/her own glove and helmet. Any shared equipment (e.g., bats, catchers gear) should be disinfected before/after each use.
7. **GROUND RULES** will be conducted observing 6 foot social distancing and will include one manager from each team, and the umpire. Players are not permitted at ground rules.
8. **HAND SANITIZER** Teams/Players should have their own hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes, and utilize dispensers located throughout the park as needed.

**AFTER GAME** No handshakes, team meetings after the game.