



COVID-19 Baseball Safety Guidelines

Event administrators

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Do you have symptoms?

Have you had Exposure?

If you answered yes, then follow government guidelines and avoid attending event.

- A risk assessment should take place before any event to ensure the risks are identified and mitigated. See BBF Appendix Risk Assessment.
- Limiting capacity at the venue for the safety of all and following local and government guidelines. For example, 14 players, coaches, and managers on playing field per sider and up an additional two officials for a maximum of 30 persons in a game.
- Increased frequency of sanitation items of high touch areas, bathrooms, dugouts, etc.
- Providing separate entrances and exits at venues when possible.
- Posted signs where reasonable communicating all safety guidelines.
- No water cooler service provided.
- Toilets should be well ventilated with a robust documented cleaning regime in place. Should any attendee present to the staff with any symptoms of Covid-19 either before entering or while in the ground they should be advised to go home immediately and follow government guidelines.
- Consideration should only be given to the operation of catering if proper controls are in place to minimise the risk to staff and spectators as per Covid-19 specific risk assessment. It is recommended all transactions should be cashless.
- Before, between and after games, it is essential that spectators do not congregate in groups in the vicinity of the grounds or car park as social distancing guidelines require.
- Toilets being clean and sanitised is the responsibility of the host of the event or public facility.
- Dugouts before and after a game need to be cleaned of rubbish and disinfected before they can be reused.
- All groundskeeping work should follow government social distancing guidelines.
- Avoid spectators or others not involved in a game to be restricted from coming onto the field.
- Proper personal protective equipment - such as facemasks, visors and gloves - should be provided for the safe application of first aid.
- Clubs should register who has used the facilities and their contact details for a rolling 21-day period. The mentioned should apply to anyone taking part in the game, in playing, umpiring, managing or coaching capacity, and anyone who accesses a clubhouse.
- It is recommended to mark areas designated off limits to spectators e.g., field or dugouts.
- Reorganise field equipment as best as possible to enable physical distancing.
- Establish one way entrance and exit systems where possible to minimise direct contact with others.
- Clean rubbish, equipment or items which have been in contact with others, periodically.
- Determine the minimum number of groundskeeping at any one time to operate safely and effectively; determine how activities are organised (e.g. reducing job rotation, requiring workers to perform one activity with one set of equipment).
- No pre-game or post game celebrations or award ceremonies on or off the fields.
- Follow government social distancing and other guidelines as applicable.
- Follow venues entry and exit and parking arrangements to venues that ensures social distancing can be maintained.
- Follow venues appropriate signage to facilitate social distancing at all points throughout the facility and car park.
- Follow venues traffic flow systems where possible and appropriate.