**COACH, PLAYER, AND PATRON PROTECTION**

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**PROTECTIVE MEASURES AT ATHLETIC EVENTS**

The following health and safety measures will be implemented by the Beaufort County Parks and Recreation Department, along with additional recommendations made by the state and CDC:

* **As of now, all staff, officials, players, coaches, and spectators will NOT be required but RECOMMENDED to wear face-masks when attending any adult or youth sport game or practice.**
* Coaches will ensure all player equipment is properly spaced to limit contact and interaction.
* Coaches, players, parents, and patrons are required to practice responsible social distancing when and where possible, especially in common areas (i.e. spectator seating, dugouts, and batting cages).
* Limit the use of team-shared equipment and encourage the cleaning and sanitizing of this equipment after its use.
* Strictly monitor the health of every coach and player, along with requiring any individual fever, or other symptoms of COVID-19, to not participate in team activities. **If at any time a coach or player has any symptoms they should be sent home until symptoms have cleared. If a player, coach, or spectator has been exposed to anyone with Covid, they must remain away for at least 72 hours to make sure no symptoms appear.**
* Umpires and officials will be recommended to wear a glove to handle all game balls.
* Staff will increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing areas of high-traffic (i.e. restrooms).
* Restrooms will be limited to a “one-in, one-out” policy. (Unless there is an emergency)
* Concessions stands will only have canned drinks and limited offering of food (i.e. bags of chips and candy). No food that requires preparation will be sold at this time. Concession employees and volunteers will still be required to wear gloves.
* Staff will schedule practices and game times to allow for additional time for teams and patrons to exit the facility before other teams and patrons enter.
* No post game handshakes following the games.
* Only one patron per bench on bleachers and one person on each bench at the picnic tables, and must be on opposite ends (first come, first served). Patrons are encouraged to bring chairs and to sit six feet apart.
* No water coolers allowed. All players must bring their own water bottles and they must be labeled.
* Signs will be posted at the parks with phone numbers. If you see anyone not abiding by the protection plan you are asked to call immediately. Any patron, coach, or player not abiding will be asked to leave and may be suspended from further participation.