Updated May 13, 2021

Deep Run Valley Sports Association

All Sports Indoor / Outdoor Safety Guidelines

On May 13, 2021 the CDC, Pennsylvania, and Bucks County Departments of Health (DOH) updated national, state, and local clarification of the padoh requiring facemasks during Spring athletics in Bucks County (below). Vaccinated individuals do not need to wear masks. Deep Run Valley Sports Assocation (DRVSA) will adhere to these guidelines. The guidelines below are required to be followed by all coaches, parents, and players in order for us to play games. **All parents, coaches, and volunteers participating in baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse practices/games/scrimmages/tournaments at Deep Run or a Pennridge School will be required to provide a signed copy of Deep Run's COVID Release Liability Waiver in order to participate.**

All non-vaccinated coaches, parents, and spectators must wear a mask when six-foot distancing is not possible (ex. dugouts)

PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT PRACTICES/GAMES/SCRIMMAGES/TOURNAMENTS

- Prior to arrival all coaches, volunteers, and players (w/ parental guidance) must conduct a daily self-symptom assessment and temperature check.
- Anyone with a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher must stay home
- Anyone experiencing COVID/FLU like symptoms must stay home. Symptoms would include fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, runny nose, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, and diarrhea/abdominal pain
- Players and coaches must bring individual water bottles or beverages, NO TEAM WATER COOLERS
- Coach is responsible to properly sanitizing balls before practice/games using one of the CDC Approved Disinfectants listed below for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19
    - Fantastik All Purpose Cleaner; Arm & Hammer Essentials Disinfecting Wipes; Windex Disinfectant Cleaner; Lysol Bathroom Cleaner; Spray Nine; Lysol Disinfecting Wipes; Lysol Bleach Mold & Mildew Remover; Clorox Multi-Surface Cleaner & Bleach; Clorox Disinfecting Wipes; Lysol Disinfectant Spray, Purell Surface Disinfectant Wipes
    - More info on the acceptable sanitizing products can be found here: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

DURING PRACTICES/GAMES/SCRIMMAGES/TOURNAMENTS

- Players and coaches must bring individual water bottles or beverages, NO TEAM WATERCOOLERS
- Players should use their own equipment if possible. If sharing is necessary, players should wash hands or use hand sanitizer after sharing equipment
- Players must keep all their equipment, when not in use, stored in their own equipment bag – Equipment thrown about in the dugout/field/court will not be tolerated
- Non-vaccinated Coaches, umpires, and/or referees must wear face coverings at all times when less than 6 feet apart.
- Players are not required to wear masks during play unless a sport's governing body requires it.
- Non-vaccinated players must practice six-foot distancing while sitting in a dugout or on a bench (max 3-4 players per bench). Additional players should stand/sit outside the dugout/ bench rotating in/out when needed
- Non-vaccinated parents/spectators must practice six-foot distancing except with family members
- Game balls should be sanitized and/or rotated every inning / period
- No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with fellow teammates and coaches outside of normal contact during play
- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing are strongly recommended for players and coaches; hand washing/sanitizing stations are setup throughout the Deep Run complex and will be available at Pennridge schools
- Players and coaches are not permitted to spit, eat seeds, chew gum, or eat food
- Coaches must ensure that players are following COVID-19 -related prevention measures including but not limited to ensuring that players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas
- Individuals should not exchange items, equipment, or share drinks at any time
- Team meetings should occur in a socially distant manner
- Players should line up and tip hats at the end of every baseball / softball game
- If Covid rules of a sport's governing body differs from the Bucks County DOH, the governing body rules must be followed.
- Travel teams must adhere to the Covid rules of facilities they visit

CONCESSION STAND

- Non-vaccinated concession stand workers and workers handling food MUST wear a mask at all times
- Workers MUST frequently wash / sanitize hands
- Workers MUST wipe down counters after every customer
- Workers should practice six-foot distancing when possible
- Follow restaurant industry guidance (https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid-19/restaurant-industry-guidance/)

CONFIRMED CASES

- Individuals that develop symptoms should immediately isolate and seek medical care
- Following presumed positive, direct contact or confirmed case, contact should be made to the coach via email
- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications

CONTACTS

- Should there be any questions or concerns, please contact Deep Run Valley Sports Association at info@drvsa.org.

These guidelines were created as the safety of all of our players, parents, coaches, and fans is paramount and most important!

Failure to abide by these guidelines by any player, parent or coach may result in immediate dismissal from the team.

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UPDATED LOCAL CLARIFICATION OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PADOH REQUIRING FACEMASKS DURING {twLbD ATHLETICS IN BUCKS COUNTY

Under Section 3, A., the order states that exceptions apply to individuals for whom wearing a mask while executing a task would create an unsafe condition as determined by local regulators. Section 3, B., also indicates that if wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, that individual is also exempted from the order. Additionally, the "frequently asked questions" section further indicates that "if the sport, equipment, or exertion level does not allow for face covering to be worn safely then the athlete should not wear a face covering."

The Bucks County Health Department has determined that it may create an unsafe condition for a person to wear a mask while actively engaged in athletics. Thus, no athlete in Bucks County shall be required to wear a mask if exertion levels may reasonably create a safety issue as determined by the athlete him/herself or the organization sponsoring the athletics.

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