

## **2021 EWBC COVID-19 Protocols**

### **Responsibilities of Participants with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or COVID-19 exposure.**

1. The term “participant” includes all players, coaches, managers, or others who are in a team’s dugout or bench area.
2. Participants who have tested positive for COVID-19, been exposed to a COVID-19 case, or experienced COVID-19 symptoms in the 14 days prior to a game or practice, may not attend the practice or game.

For a list of COVID-19 symptoms visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

3. Participants who have tested positive for COVID-19 or experienced COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of participating in a game or practice must notify their Manager (or Team Captain). See Paragraph 5 for the Manager’s responsibilities.
4. Return to Play: Participants who have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to league activities when either 14 days have passed since the first onset of symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test.

### **Responsibilities specific to Managers (or Team Captains if a team does not have a Manager)**

5. Managers should verify that their team’s participants are abiding by the provisions of paragraph 2 prior to participating in each team practice or game.
6. Managers must keep a record of the participants who attend each practice and game.
7. If there is a known COVID-19 case concerning a participant who within 14 days of the case attended a team’s practice or a game, Managers will notify the EWBC Board. The Board will determine what action to take consistent with guidance from the CDC and local public health authorities. Actions may include providing guidance to the team, notifying the other teams in the league, requiring a pause in baseball activities, or contacting the county health department with jurisdiction.
  - With the exception of disclosures made to the EWBC Board or the relevant county health department, the Manager and the EWBC Board will maintain the confidentiality of any players connected to a COVID-19 case.
  - The EWBC Board will automatically report to the local public health authorities if there are 2 or more participants from a league game or practice test positive.
8. Managers are encouraged to post a copy of the notice in Appendix A to the entrance of their dugout.

### **Responsibilities of All Participants of EWBC Games and Practices**

9. Participants not living in the same household must maintain 10 feet of physical distance, except when live plays cause players to be in closer proximity (e.g., catcher and umpire behind plate while batter is in batter's box; a force out or tag play at a base; fielders converging on a ball).
10. Masks must be worn by all when going to and from the fields, in the stands, or on the sidelines.
11. Batters, runners, and fielders are encouraged to wear masks on the field during play.
12. Partial dugout use is allowed when 10 feet distance is maintained, and masks are worn.
13. No handshakes or high fives.
14. No spitting or sunflower seeds.
15. No shared water/food containers.
16. No shared batting gloves or fielding gloves.
17. Sharing of helmets and catcher's equipment is discouraged. If a player does not have their own helmet or catcher's gear, such gear must be thoroughly disinfected before use.
18. Bats may be shared but must be disinfected after each use.
19. The fielding team should provide their own baseballs for their pitcher. The fielding team should take the baseball with them when it is time to bat.
20. Players are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer, sanitize their hands frequently, and avoid touching their faces.

### **Responsibilities of Umpires**

21. Umpires must maintain physical distancing of at least six feet between themselves and players whenever possible. If physical distancing is not possible, umpires must wear a face mask. For example, if the home plate umpire calls balls and strikes from behind the catcher, the umpire must wear a face mask. However, the home plate umpire may stand in an alternate position while balls and strikes are called from behind the pitcher's mound without being required to wear a mask. Even when physical distancing, umpires are encouraged to wear face masks.
22. Masks must be worn by all parties during conferences with the umpires.

Appendix A

# **NOTICE**

**No one with a fever  
or symptoms of  
COVID-19, or known  
exposure to a  
COVID-19 case in the  
prior 14 days, is**

permitted on the  
premises.