

Armstrong Athletics COVID-19 Return to Play Plan

GENERAL GUIDANCE:

- All Coaches, Players, Umpires, and fans shall practice social distancing.
- Each team will be limited to 3 Coaches and 1 Scorekeeper
- Games and practices will be staggered to limit the amount of people at the park. Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before your game.
- Fans are not permitted to use the bleachers closest to the fields. Please bring your own chairs and maintain distancing around the field. Families are encouraged to sit in “family groups.”
- Coughing or sneezing shall be into the inside of your elbow.
- If you are not feeling well or exhibit any symptoms please stay home.
- Each parent is asked to take your Player’s temperature prior to each activity and refrain from attending if that temperature is above 99.5 degrees. Please inform your Team Manager if your child has a temperature above 99.5 degrees.
- Bathroom facilities will be cleaned after every game. It is the responsibility of the HOME TEAM to disinfect bathrooms and concession stands after each game. This means wiping hard surfaces and/or spraying areas with disinfectant. Specific procedures will be posted at each field.

ON-FIELD GUIDANCE:

- No handshakes or personal contact celebrations of any kind. A “tip of the hat” will be used after each game.
- All Players and Coaches are required to bring their own drinks (no shared food or beverages of any kind!)
- Personal protective equipment will be used in accordance with CDC and State requirements.
- The dugouts will be for Coaches and the next 3 batters ONLY! (Maximum of two Coaches and three Players are permitted in the dugouts at any time!)
- Players will be staggered on the bleachers and on-field depending on location (using appropriate markings) to promote social distancing.
- Only two Coaches are permitted in the dugouts at any time. There must be one Coach managing Players in their designated spots in the appropriate social distancing location and one Coach managing the on-deck batters in the dugouts. The Scorekeeper is not required to sit in the dugouts and can either sit on a lawn chair or a ball bucket in an appropriate location.
- All players are required to have their own bat, helmet, and glove. No shared equipment permitted!
- Each team will be equipped with sanitized catcher’s gear for use during the game. No shared catcher’s masks during any game. Managers are required to sanitize Team catcher’s gear after each game, by either wiping with sanitizing wipe or spraying with disinfectant.
- It is preferred that Players utilize their own Catcher’s gear and not the Team gear.
- Player’s equipment should be sanitized by their parent or guardian after each game.
- Baseballs will be rotated on a regular basis with each defensive team providing their own baseballs.
- If a Foul Ball is touched by anyone other than a Player or On-field Coach, it must be wiped down before re-entering into play.
- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., will not be permitted in the dugout or on the field.
- All Players and Coaches are to refrain from spitting at all times.
- Each dugout will be supplied with hand sanitizer to be applied prior to and after each half inning.

CONCESSION STAND GUIDANCE:

- Only volunteers who are signed up to work the shift are permitted in the concession stand.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE CONCESSION STANDS OR PRESS BOXES!**
- All volunteers will be required to wear gloves while working in the concession stand.
- If you have been feeling sick within the last 24 hours, we ask that you contact our Concessions Coordinator and reschedule your shift. Please take your temperature prior to your shift and verify your temperature is not over 99.5 degrees prior to reporting for your shift.
- Proper hand washing (including sanitizing) is required.
- Only one concession stand worker should handle the exchange of money. A separate individual should handle the selling of 50/50 tickets, using gloves and is not permitted to handle any food items.
- All condiments, napkins, and straws will be kept inside the stand. No self-serve items.
- Cones or markings will be placed for the line to order at 6' apart to ensure social distancing. If all the cones are full please return to your area until the line has subsided.