**Lowes Creek Baseball COVID-19 Safety Standards**

Standards During Practice/Play

* No shared equipment. Each child must have his or her own bat, glove, and helmet.
* Each player will have his/her own space for their personal equipment, spaced 6 ft apart
* Each player must bring his/her own water bottle. Label the water bottle with the player’s name.
* Catcher’s gear will not be shared. There will be no catchers for Rookies.
* Each team brings its own baseballs -- no sharing among teams
* All players/coaches will space out at least 6 feet and dugouts will not be used for players to congregate or remain unless physical spacing requirements are met for no more than two players at a time
* When games are played, one umpire will be used, to call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher’s mound (~10 ft behind pitcher)
* No sunflower seeds or gum will be permitted for players
* No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
* Players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
* Sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content will be available for each team
* Players and/or their parent(s) shall conduct symptom assessments to ensure players are not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. **Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must stay home**.

Standards for Fans/Parents

* At this time, the Health Department prohibits outdoor gatherings of more than 100 people in an outdoor space.
* Fans must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench/designated player areas)
* Parents/fans shall also be instructed to not attend practices or games if they or the members of their household exhibit COVID-19 symptoms
* If a player injury occurs, those who respond must wear appropriate personal protective equipment. (Mask and gloves at minimum) Equipment will be available at each field.
* Mask use is strongly encouraged for all fans attending events at LCB
* Bleachers will be roped off and only the first row could be used by persons who require a public accommodation due to a disability, with each seating spot on the first row marked with an “x”, spaced 6 feet apart.
* Except for brief, incidental contact, fans (parents/family units) must be appropriately spaced at least than 6 feet apart from others
* Designated areas to watch practices or games for fans will be “flagged” along the fencelines and will be spaced to follow the Health Department’s requirements.

Additional Standards

* Cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands)
* LCB will contact the Department about suspected cases or exposure.
* Attendance of all coaches and players will be taken at each practice by coaches or available board member
* Contact tracing -- LCB already has the full contact information for each player/family, including their name, address, and other contact information to assist the Department in any necessary contact tracing if a case of COVID-19 occurs.