Guidelines to Playing it Safe!

Practice Good Hygiene

- Stop hand shakes and use **non-contact methods**; this includes post-game handshakes.
- Wash hands **regularly** for at least 20 seconds; Use sanitizing wipes after contact with **shared equipment**;
- Shower and wash clothes **immediately** following practices/games.
- **Disinfect surfaces** like doorknobs, gates, and shared equipment.
- **Avoid touching your face** and cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Players/Coaches must bring their own water/beverage to consume. **No shared fountains/stations/coolers may be used**.

Sanitize Regularly

- Coaches should **sanitize** shared equipment before and after each practice/game.
- Players are encouraged to use sanitizer **before and after** each at bat and **when going out to, and coming in from**, the field.
- Maintenance equipment and **dugouts** should be sanitized daily.

Stay home if...

- You are **feeling sick**
- You have a **sick family member** at home
- Your temperature is **100.4 or above**

Practice Social Distancing

- **Players/coaches** should space their items at least six feet apart along a fence during practice.
- Players should remain spaced out as much as possible during practices; **workout pods/groups** are encouraged.
- Use of bleachers should be **limited**.
- **Dugouts are permitted during games only**; players/coaches should spread out as much as possible unless actively participating in the game.
- Fans should **bring their own chair or stand** while practicing social distancing.
- **Use of masks** should follow local school district policies.

SOURCES: EDUCATEIOWA.GOV | CDC.GOV
# What To Do vs. What Not To Do

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- practice social distancing
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- limit dugout to essential personnel (players, coaches, trainers, umpires)
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#StopTheSpread

**Handwashing 101**

1. Wet your hands before applying soap.

2. Bring your palms together and rub soap all over the palms and backs of your hands, including between the fingers.

3. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

4. Wipe your hands with a clean towel or paper towel and avoid rubbing too vigourously.

Source: World Health Organization