



Bentonville Parks & Recreation COVID-19 Health Protocols

Bentonville Parks and Recreation has outlined the below safety measures to be implemented by the staff and followed by park visitors and program participants during sponsored programming. The below safety measures were developed to meet the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Health Directives.

Those within the park including but not limited to spectators observing games, practices, and other activities as well as those moving throughout the park must maintain 6 feet social distancing at all times.

All athletes, coaches, and staff will be screened upon entering the park, prior to any activity participation, and must be able to answer "no" to all of the below questions. If any coach, player, or staff must answer "yes" to any one of the below questions, they will not be permitted to be within the park.

- Have you had a fever of 100.4 in the past (2) days?
- Do you have a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of smell or taste?
- Have you had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the past (14) days?

All coaches and staff will have their temperature checked upon entry to the ballpark by a digital thermometer. Those with a temperature greater than 100.4 will not be permitted to participate.

Face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth are required for everyone 10 years of age and older unless 6' distancing is in place.

- Players may remove mask when actively participating in the practice or game.
- Coaches may remove mask when actively participating in the practice or game.

Use of "Team shared equipment" will not be permitted at this time. Such equipment includes but is not limited to team bats, shared catcher's equipment, team helmets, or extra fielding gloves for example.

Hand Sanitizer will be placed throughout the park. It is encouraged that all players and coaches use this prior to and following games. It is also recommended that the public uses this hand sanitizer frequently.

Our restrooms will be deep cleaned daily, as well as sanitized with Fresh-15 cleaning solution multiple times during activity. Fresh-15 cleaning solution kills the virus instantly, and is safe to the touch.

At this time high fives, hugs, fist bumps, and "good game lines" will not be permitted. Teams, coaches, and all are encouraged to use "air fives", verbal congratulations, and waves in place of these gestures.

For our baseball and softball tournaments, we will not be charging gate at the entrances. In place of this, we will be charging teams a "Team Gate Fee" based on anticipated length of the event and standard team sizes.

Bleachers have been removed from the park. Patrons will need to bring seating for watching games, and should sit 6' apart from non-household members while attending activity within the park.

Sunflower seeds are not permitted in the park as they promote spitting and the transfer of germs throughout the facility. For cleanliness, sanitizing, and protecting others please respect this rule. All should refrain from spitting inside the park.

Teams will be limited to bringing in 2 Adults per player to attend and observe the practice or game taking place within the park. Siblings, and other children, will not be included in this number.

If you are age 65 or older, or with pre-existing health conditions, you may wish to refrain from entering the park at this time, or consider watching from your vehicle or from outside the park.

For more information about Bentonville Parks and Recreation efforts at protecting the public using its parks, trails, and facilities please visit our COVID-19 Safety Measures page on www.playbentonville.com. For further questions or information about baseball or softball safety measures, please contact your league or tournament director.