



West Bolivar Consolidated School District Baseball and Softball 2021 PLAN

All West Bolivar Consolidated School District, MHSAA, CDC, and State of Mississippi guidelines will be followed.

Players will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms and irregular temperature upon entering the baseball and softball field.

Parents will be notified immediately so the student athlete can be sent home and protocol can be followed if symptoms are shown.

* All practice clothes, towels, gloves, equipment will need to be brought to practice and taken home daily.

Players will be split into smaller groups so that we can better manage the amount of contact between players.

Masks must be worn upon entering the practice field.

Players must provide their own water bottles, towels, and must be dressed in their own workout clothes when they arrive at the field.

* NO SHARING OF WATER BOTTLES OR TOWELS WITH ANY OTHER ATHLETE.

Coaches will make sure everything is sanitized each day before athletes arrive and when athletes leave.

Sanitation stations will be located on the outside of each dug out.

COVID-19 Return to Activity Guidelines

The State of Mississippi and local municipalities are progressively decreasing restrictions on gatherings and business openings. With those changes in mind, MHSAA schools and communities are focusing on opportunities for a return to activity during the school year.

It must be acknowledged that until a vaccine or effective treatment is developed, there is no way to completely eliminate the spread of COVID-19, including the possibility of fatal infection for at-risk individuals. All school administrators, coaches, parents/guardians and students must keep these facts in mind when making return to activity plans.

Local municipalities may put more stringent restrictions in place for crowd size and other preventive measures. Before organized at-school activity may resume, athletic directors and coaches must adhere to these guidelines.

Confirm with their school district administrators that a specific school facility is open and available for use by coaches and students.

Be familiar with any local restrictions in place at the aforementioned facility.

We recognize this is an evolving situation and these recommendations should be viewed as a first step towards a full return to activity. Updated and additional recommendations will be forthcoming as new information develops.

General Recommendation

All activity resumption must follow national, state, local and MHSAA Covid-19 guidelines. Please note these guidelines may be subject to frequent change. It is the organizing coach's responsibility to monitor and follow these guidelines.

No student shall be punished or restricted from participation in future and/or current activities due to non-participation in activities as a result of parental/guardian restrictions or personal/medical reasons. School districts, athletic directors and coaches must recognize each student has different circumstances that may create an unreasonable risk for him or her to participate.

Coaches will make sure all stations are sanitized for the next day before leaving the field.

Baseball and Softball Safety Measures:

Covid-19 test prior to season

During season, players and coaches will have Covid-19 test once a week (with Superintendent approval).

Check temperature before getting on bus

Keep a log of temperature check

Each player wear mask and social distance as possible on bus

Sack lunches NEEDS to be provided on away games (No Stopping)

No visiting spectators will be allowed in games. Only Athletic Coordinators, Principals, Asst. Principals, Superintendent, and Board Members of visiting teams will be allowed to enter.

Check all visitors temperatures at the gate

Each player wear mask in dugouts

Sanitize both dugouts

Each player will have their own water bottles and towels

No sharing of equipment

No sharing catcher's equipment

Have sanitizer and wipes available at the field during practice and games

Coaches wear masks on and off the field

Eliminate handshakes after the game

No seeds, gum, or spitting in the dugouts