

# SSUSA Pandemic Rules:

**Any player or guest who refuses to follow these safety rules will be ejected from the complex for the good of everyone else in the park.**

## The Game:

- It will be **mandatory** for catchers and base coaches to wear a covering over their nose and mouth.
- **SSUSA Directors and umpires** will wear either face shields or face masks.
- **Umpires** will be provided with spray disinfectant and rags to wipe balls off between each half-inning and when requested.
- The **on-deck batter** or a player assigned by the offensive team will wear a batting or other glove and be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used.
- We will NOT be supplying community **water** jugs for obvious reasons until the pandemic is over. Players will need to supply their own individual water.

## Dugout:

- Players will be required to wear face coverings in the dugout if they cannot keep 6 feet of separation from other players.
- Players will NOT be allowed to spread out on the field of play because of the inherent danger of being hit by a foul ball.
- When one team leaves the dugout, next team will need to wait until all players have exited, then enter.
- The team leaving the dugout will need to police the dugout and get rid of trash, especially empty drinking containers.

## Social Contact before, during and after games:

- **Spectators and Players** in the central part of the complex, at the concession stand or using the restrooms **MUST** wear face coverings.
- **Between games**, players must sit with spectators along the side of the outfield, outside the fence. Teams may come to the outside of the dugout no more than 15 minutes before the previous game ends.
- **Spectators** will need to sit along the side of the outfield, outside the fence. They will be required to maintain social distancing or wear face coverings during the tournament.
- **Managers** will be responsible for keeping any sick players or players in quarantine out of the tournament.

## Personal hygiene:

- **Most important:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- There will be a “no-contact, no-handshake policy” to be observed at every level of the organization until further notice. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, such as umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, staff, players and coaches should verbally “good game,” without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist-bumping.