

These guidelines are recommendations for games and sporting events to begin to be held in a way that will help to protect participants' and fans' health. Coaches, players, parents, and attendees are encouraged to adhere and practice responsible social distancing when and where possible, especially in common areas (i.e., dugouts, bleachers, etc.).

Baseball

- All individuals in stands and concession areas, are encouraged to adhere to social distancing recommendations.
- Players should space out as much as possible in the dugout.
- Individual baseball or softball games can be held due to low exposure rate on the field because of the lack of face-to-face contact for prolonged periods of time.
- Sharing of equipment and water bottles is highly discouraged.

Basketball

- The nature of this sport encourages close face-to-face contact for prolonged periods of time, increasing the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Tournaments

- Sport tournaments invite large groups of people to attend from out of the county, and the crowds would make abiding by Social Distancing Requirements difficult, increasing the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Other Sports

- Moniteau County Health Department recommends that each sport or activity be evaluated for the following factors: face-to-face contact between individuals, period of time within six (6') feet of another individual and sharing of equipment. If any of these factors cannot be avoided, consider postponing.
- Social Distancing Requirements are encouraged to be followed in the stands and concession areas.

Coaches

- Try to limit close contact as much as possible. If touching is required to help with certain techniques, avoid face-to-face contact to the best of your ability and perform proper hand hygiene before and after. If face-to-face contact can not be avoided, it is recommended to wear a mask.
- Provide hand sanitizer at games and practices.

Please refer to the Recommended Guidance for All Businesses for General Protective Measures that every facility are encouraged to follow. Specific Measures for playgrounds are below:

Protective Measures

- Use social distancing practices in all areas of the park, by maintaining a 6-foot distance from others outside of your household. These areas can include sports fields, playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis courts, and picnic areas.
- Gatherings and events within parks are encouraged to comply with Mass Gathering Guidelines.
- Follow Sports Recommended Guidance for sporting games and practices within the park grounds.
- Adults and children should wash their hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol before and after playing on the playground equipment and use of the restrooms.