



## City of Kettering Adult Softball Return to Play Guidelines

### Arrival to Venue

- All participants, managers, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/fields when possible.
- We are encouraging no spectators, however if spectators do attend they will need to maintain a 6 foot distance from players and other spectators. Masks for spectators are encouraged.
- Players, managers, staff & umpires must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation)
- Anyone experiencing symptoms or a fever must stay home.
- Do not arrive more than 20 minutes early for scheduled game time. When you arrive, go to your designated practice field. There is no tailgating or gathering in the parking lots before games.
- Each team will be provided with “team game balls” prior to each game by a Kettering staff member.

### Players/Managers/Scorekeepers

- Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices off the field of play.
- Are encouraged to wear face coverings if they are not playing in the game.
- Limit players sitting in the dugout. We encourage players to stand outside of dugout when possible.
- We encourage players/managers to bring their own chairs to set up outside the dugout
- Should not share water or equipment, this includes, bats, gloves, hats, jerseys, batting gloves, and all other personal equipment. If bats must be shared, teams will be responsible for disinfecting the bat between uses.
- No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
- **All WATER FOUNTAINS WILL BE TURNED OFF – You must bring your own water**
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation.
- No spitting or chewing seeds

### Umpires/Officials

- Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.
- Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). \*Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Have the option to wear a face covering, but not required
- Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.

### Leaving the Venue

- Exit the venue immediately following games.
- Players, umpires, managers, and staff should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the game. NO TAILGATING, no exceptions.
- Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.

### Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
- Contact City of Kettering Recreation Department 937-296-2587
- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.

**\*\*\* All of the guidelines above are subject to change based on the City of Kettering and the State of Ohio guidelines. To see a full list of Ohio softball guidelines, please visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)**