

# COVID-19 READINESS PLAN

A GUIDE TO OPERATING  
JIMMY JOHN'S FIELD





## **1. GENERAL STATEMENT**

On behalf of the USPBL powered by UWM, the practices identified below represent practical best efforts to proactively invest and keep our community safe when attending functions, events, and games at Jimmy John's Field during the 2021 season. The outlined steps and initiatives are intended to ensure the safety of staff, players, fans, and guests. The USPBL will continue to follow the guidelines of national, state, and local health and safety agencies to develop policies for hosting events of various sizes at Jimmy John's Field. The input of local medical and health partners will also play a significant role in the continued development and implementation of the policies and best practices that follow.

## **2. CASHLESS PAYMENT**

**A.** We will be operating an almost cashless facility at Jimmy John's Field in 2021. Cash will only be accepted at: 1) the Box Office; 2) the Speed Pitch Game; 3) for Lawnch-A-Ball Sales. This will limit direct contact between employees and guests. Guests should come prepared with credit / debit cards for payment.

## **3. SOCIALLY DISTANT SEATING**

**A.** Until June 1, 2021, grandstand seating has been broken up into small groups of seats to allow for social distancing.

**I.** Each group of seats / familial party is separated 6 feet apart.

**II.** Groups of seats that will be open for use have been configured so that guests will not have to walk through rows and pass other guests.

**III.** Seats that will not be used have been roped off.

**B.** Until June 1, 2021, group area seating has been reduced by removing tables and spacing tables to be used for seating 6 feet apart. All group areas will operate with reduced capacity to promote proper distancing.

**C.** Until June 1, 2021, suite areas will operate with reduced capacity to promote proper distancing.

**D.** Until June 1, 2021, lawn seating will be sold in familial groups of 2, 4 and 6 people.

**E.** As of June 1, 2021, Jimmy John's Field will be permitted to operate at 100% capacity, and seating will no longer be socially distanced.



#### **4. BALLPARK SANITATION**

- A.** We have increased the regularity and scope of cleaning and sanitizing of the ballpark.
- B.** We have purchased sprayers to spray disinfect ballpark surfaces prior to each game.
- C.** We have added 56 hand sanitizer dispensers around the ballpark.

#### **5. STAFFING POLICIES**

- A.** All USPBL / Jimmy John's Field staff have undergone training on the USPBL's COVID-19 PROTOCOLS.
- B.** All USPBL / Jimmy John's Field staff, players, coaches, umpires will undergo daily temperature checks and complete a health check questionnaire on symptoms of COVID-19 or exposure to COVID-19.
- C.** All staff are required to wash their hands immediately after completing their daily health check.
- D.** All staff who are not fully vaccinated will be required to wear cloth face coverings. Fully vaccinated staff members will not be required to wear cloth face coverings.

#### **6. CLUBHOUSE & ON-FIELD PERSONNEL**

- A.** In order to ensure all players and coaches are placed in the safest conditions, the USPBL will implement the following standards:
  - I.** Pre-Season Testing for COVID-19
  - II.** Daily Temperature and Health Check Questionnaire
  - III.** Daily spray sanitizing of clubhouses.
  - IV.** Capacity limit on clubhouse to no more than 7 people at one time.
  - V.** All player meals will be individually boxed and eaten outside the clubhouse.
  - VI.** No gum, chew or seeds or any kind.
  - VII.** No spitting inside the ballpark.
  - VIII.** Pitchers will not be permitted to go to their mouth in order to keep saliva from being put on the ball.
  - IX.** No autographs or close contact with fans by players not fully vaccinated.
  - X.** No throwing balls or other items to fans by players not fully vaccinated.
  - XI.** Cloth face coverings will be worn except when playing.
  - XII.** Social distancing in the dugout.
  - XIII.** Hand sanitizer in the dugout.
  - XIV.** No shared water jugs.
  - XV.** Shared equipment will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
  - XVI.** No physical touch during celebrations (high fives, fist bumps, etc.)



## 7. JIMMY JOHN'S FIELD ENTRY / EXIT

- A.** Guests will be required to provide their name and phone number or email for contact tracing purposes prior to entering the ballpark. This information will be collected through a web-based application that guests will access by scanning a QR Code on their mobile device. Once the guest provides their contact information in the web-based app they will receive a green check mark on their mobile device which they will show to the Ticket Taker before entering the ballpark. For guests without a smart phone, we will have a staff member at each main gate to collect contact information.
- B.** Signage has been posted outside the ballpark listing the symptoms of COVID-19. Guests should not enter the ballpark if they have had any COVID-19 symptoms or been exposed to someone with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.
- C.** Signage has been posted outside the ballpark indicating that although we are taking extensive measures to ensure the safety of our guests and staff, all guests attending events at Jimmy John's Field assume the risk of the potential contraction of COVID-19.
- D.** The USPBL will encourage proper social distancing upon entry, including, without limitation, on walkways and sidewalks leading to ballpark entrances.
- E.** Guests will be provided specific arrival times for games, which will be printed on the game tickets, and which will allow us to spread out the arrival times of guests coming to the ballpark.
- F.** Guests may be asked to wait at their vehicles in the parking lots for a few minutes for lines at the gates to the ballpark to clear to allow for social distancing.
- G.** Bike racks, stanchions, and/or spacing markers will promote proper social distancing between guests waiting to enter the ballpark.
- H.** At the end of games, guests will be asked to exit the ballpark by row or area of the ballpark to allow for social distancing.



## 8. FAN EXPERIENCE

### A. COVID-19 Awareness Messaging

- I.** We will have signage posted at each entrance listing the COVID-19 symptoms as set forth by the CDC.
- II.** We will have signage posted at each entrance indicating that guests should not enter the ballpark if they have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, or if they have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- III.** We will provide refunds to any guests not permitted into the ballpark due to recent symptoms of COVID-19, or recent exposure to someone who has COVID-19.

### B. Communicating on Social Distancing

- I.** We have signage with messaging on the social distancing expectations at Jimmy John's Field throughout the ballpark.

### C. Communicating on Hygiene

- I.** We have signage throughout the ballpark promoting hand washing, proper respiratory etiquette, and how to stop the spread. We also have hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the ballpark.

### D. Cashless Payment

- I.** We will be almost entirely Cash-Free at Jimmy John's Field by only allowing cash to be used to purchase tickets at the Box Office, to play the Speed Pitch Game, or to play Lawnch-A-Ball. Guests should come prepared with credit / debit cards for payment.

### E. Fans Do NOT Need to Wear Masks Outside

- I.** Guests attending events at Jimmy John's Field do not need to wear masks in outdoor spaces. Guests who are not fully vaccinated should wear masks in indoor spaces at the ballpark.



**F. Early Entry and Assigned Times for Entry**

- I.** We are offering early entry of 10 minutes prior to regular opening of the gates for people who are considered at higher risk or who need special assistance.
- II.** All guests will be provided specific arrival times for games, which will be printed on their tickets, and which will allow us to spread out the arrival time of guests coming to the ballpark.

**G. Parking & Shuttle**

- I.** The USPBL will encourage proper social distancing beginning in the parking lots. Guests may be asked to wait at their vehicles in the parking lots for a few minutes for lines at the gates to the ballpark to clear to allow for social distancing.
- II.** The Jimmy John's Field shuttle will be used only for handicap guests during the 2021 season due to social distancing requirements and in order to protect the health and safety of guests and our driver.

**H. Kids Zone**

- I.** The Wiffle Ball Field will be in use, subject to kids social distancing in line, and regular sanitizing of the wiffle bats.
- II.** The Speed Pitch Machine will be in use with a social distanced line, and use of hand sanitizer before throwing.
- III.** The Kids Play Structure will be in use during the 2021 season, subject to limiting the number of kids playing in the Kids Zone at one time.

**I. Concourse Flow**

- I.** Stanchions and/or spacing markers will promote distancing between guests waiting in lines on the concourse.

**J. Restrooms**

- I.** Most doors will be propped open to encourage touchless entry/exit.
- II.** Restrooms will be sanitized frequently with disinfectant.
- III.** Signage will be posted to remind guests to social distance.

**K. Merchandise Store**

- I.** The Merchandise Store will be open and operating at 50% capacity.
- II.** Fans also can purchase merchandise online at [www.uspbl.com](http://www.uspbl.com) and pick it up at the ballpark.



**L. Promotions/On-field Activities**

- I.** Autograph sessions with fully vaccinated players will be permitted.
- II.** Fully Vaccinated players will be permitted to throw baseballs into seating areas.
- III.** All between-inning promotions will abide by proper distancing guidelines.

**M. Mascots**

- I.** All interaction with Team Mascots will be back to normal.

**N. JJ The Field General**

- I.** Our bat dog JJ's activities for 2021 will be back to normal.

**10. FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICIES**

**A.** The following protocols will be put into place as it pertains to the food and beverage operation:

- I.** All employees will be required to wear protective masks and gloves.
- II.** Food and beverage at the ballpark will be individually packaged / served using disposable utensils. Employees will serve guests in group areas from buffets. Fountain soft drink machines in group areas will be operated by USPBL Staff.
- III.** Condiments and similar items will be served using prepackaged servings.
- IV.** Sneeze guards will be used over any buffets.

**11. COMMUNICATION / MESSAGING**

- A.** We have posted signage throughout the ballpark, such as "Stop the Spread", "Symptoms of COVID-19", "Maintain Social Distance", and signage on proper hand washing and respiratory protocols.

# EXPEDITE YOUR ENTRANCE TO THE PARK!

## Jimmy John's Field

We are required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to gather contact information each day for each person that enters Jimmy John's Field. This is for contact tracing purposes and will be kept confidential. Be advised that such information may be shared with the MDHHS or local health departments as deemed necessary.



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STEP 2:

**Enter Name and Phone Number or Email**

STEP 3:

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