



NSBA COVID-19 PROTOCOL - PHASE 3: SANITIZING HIGH TOUCH COMMON SURFACES

COVID-19 can survive on surfaces for a period of several hours or up to several days depending on the conditions. It tends to survive better on hard surfaces such as plastic and metal than on softer surfaces such as paper.

In an effort to help contain the potential spread of COVID-19, the following protocol has been established for coaches/managers to provide guidance on how to sanitize high touch common surfaces.

As part of your pre-baseball practices, please do the following:

- Step 1:** Gather supplies - either approved sanitizing solution or wipes, along with cloth or paper towels.
- Step 2:** Disinfect all baseballs, shared team bats, and back catcher gear previously used at the last baseball event.

At your baseball practice, what should you clean after your use?

- rakes
- tractor steering wheel, all buttons, dials, clutches, starter button
- line marker equipment
- base implementation equipment
- pitching machine handle
- tees
- equipment box handle
- equipment shed handle
- field gates

For games, do the same disinfecting that you do for practices but also ensure that baseballs which have been put in play (i.e., not baseballs simply being pitched between pitcher and catcher) are disinfected prior to putting back into the game.

The important thing to keep in mind is that maintaining good hygiene and performing regular sanitizing of high-touch surfaces are the best means of defence against COVID-19.