



Tri-County and Big 4 Leagues



Baldwin City DeSoto Eudora Gardner Spring Hill Wellsville

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Today the Governor's office released details of the face mask order that was announced on Monday, June 29th. You may find the order [here](#). The State of Kansas, as well as Douglas, Johnson and Franklin County's order requires facemasks for individuals both indoors and outdoors where 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. Based on those guidelines, administrators for the Tri-County and Big 4 will adhere to the following adjustments:

- No alterations will be made to how the game is played as it pertains to the players. Athletes are exempt from the mask order and are not being asked to wear them.
- Fans are strongly recommended to wear masks to games where 6' of social distancing is not possible.
- Coaches are not required to wear facemasks unless they cannot provide for 6' of social distancing from players.
- The dugouts will be used as a pass through to the field only and will not be allowed to house players during the game. Coaches may institute a variety of options to keep track of players, below are two examples, but they are not limited to:
 - Allowing players to sit with parents during the game while your team is batting or while substitute players are not on the field while you are on defense.
 - Lining players up down the fence line of your respective baseline.
- The home plate umpire will be stationed behind the pitcher.

The league is excited to get underway but at the same time our priority will always be to lead when it comes to the health and safety of our participants. We feel we can best do that with these slight variations. We appreciate the support from both coaches and parents to adjust with us as we administer baseball and softball games to our youth. Your flexibility and patience is appreciate as we navigate this season. Good luck to all this season!

"Providing places, pathways and programs to promote healthy lifestyles and maximize positive behaviors in the community."