

Battle Creek Bombers COVID-19 Readiness Plan



GENERAL STATEMENT

On behalf of the Battle Creek Bombers, members of the Northwoods League, the practices identified below represent best practical efforts to keep our community safe when attending functions, events and games at C.O. Brown Stadium, in preparation for the 2020 season. The outlined steps and initiatives are intended to preserve the safety of staff, players and fans.

The Bombers will continue to follow the guidance of national, state and local agencies, as well as the directives of the Northwoods League, to develop these policies and to determine the appropriate time for hosting events of various scopes at C.O. Brown Stadium. The input of local and regional medical and health partners will also play a significant role in informing the below policies.

If any players, coaches, umpires, or staff test positive for COVID-19, the Bombers will follow the policies set in place by the City of Battle Creek and Calhoun County Public Health Department for isolation and contact tracing.

BALLPARK SANITATION

1. Increased regularity and scope of washdowns and cleanings.
2. Before each game, ballpark seats, restrooms and high touch areas will be sanitized.
3. Additional sanitation efforts will be implemented as necessary during all events in high traffic areas such as Restrooms, common walkways, etc.
 - a. Restrooms
 - i. Restrooms to be disinfected before each game and once during the game
 - ii. Doors to remain open to avoid touching of handles
 - iii. Limited number of guests in the restroom at one time and social distancing will be encouraged
 - iv. Restrooms will have social distancing standards including the use of every other stall, urinal and faucet
4. Added hand sanitizing stations for public and employee use around the ballpark.
5. Disinfectant wipes to be accessible for fans to wipe down their seat and high touch areas
6. Trash can lids to remain off or open each game to allow touchless access to receptacles.

ENTRY / EXIT

1. Fans are highly encouraged to check their temperature before the game. If a fan does not feel well or is running a fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the Bombers ask that

they do not attend the game. Please call your ticket representative before the game to discuss alternate options.

2. All fans will be subject to health screenings prior to entry.
3. Lines will be arranged and marked to encourage proper distancing.
4. To limit grouping and lines outside of the ballpark, and to limit concourse flow in typically congested areas:
 - a. Fans with tickets in section 111-115, 203-206, and the Budweiser Party Deck, will be asked to enter through Gate 3 on the third base side of the park, and exit through the same gate.
 - b. Fans with tickets in the Home Plate Club, Champions Club, or sections 200-202 will be asked to enter through the Meijer Main Gate, and walk immediately to the third base stairway. Exit following the same procedure.
 - c. Fans with tickets in section 196-199 and 100-104 , and the Little Caesars Tailgate Area will be asked to enter through Gate 1 on the first base side, and proceed immediately to the first base stairway. Exit following the same procedure.
5. Additional entrances may be utilized to alleviate congestion.
6. Bag checks will have heightened safety guidelines, and clear bags are highly encouraged for a contactless experience.
7. Fans are required to wear a mask whenever moving around the ballpark, restrooms, lines and in food and beverage areas (the Bombers will have masks for sale at the ballpark) unless a mask cannot be worn due to a medical condition. In this case, fans will be allowed to enter the stadium without a mask, but will be asked to socially distance themselves as much as possible.
8. Fans are able to remove masks when seated and socially distant from those outside their pods.
9. For ticket taking the pod leader will hold out all tickets and a Bombers employee will check each ticket without touching. To alleviate crowding, fans will be asked to immediately go up the concourse.
10. At the conclusion of the game, all fans will be asked to remain in their seats while the Bombers dismiss individual rows to alleviate congestion.

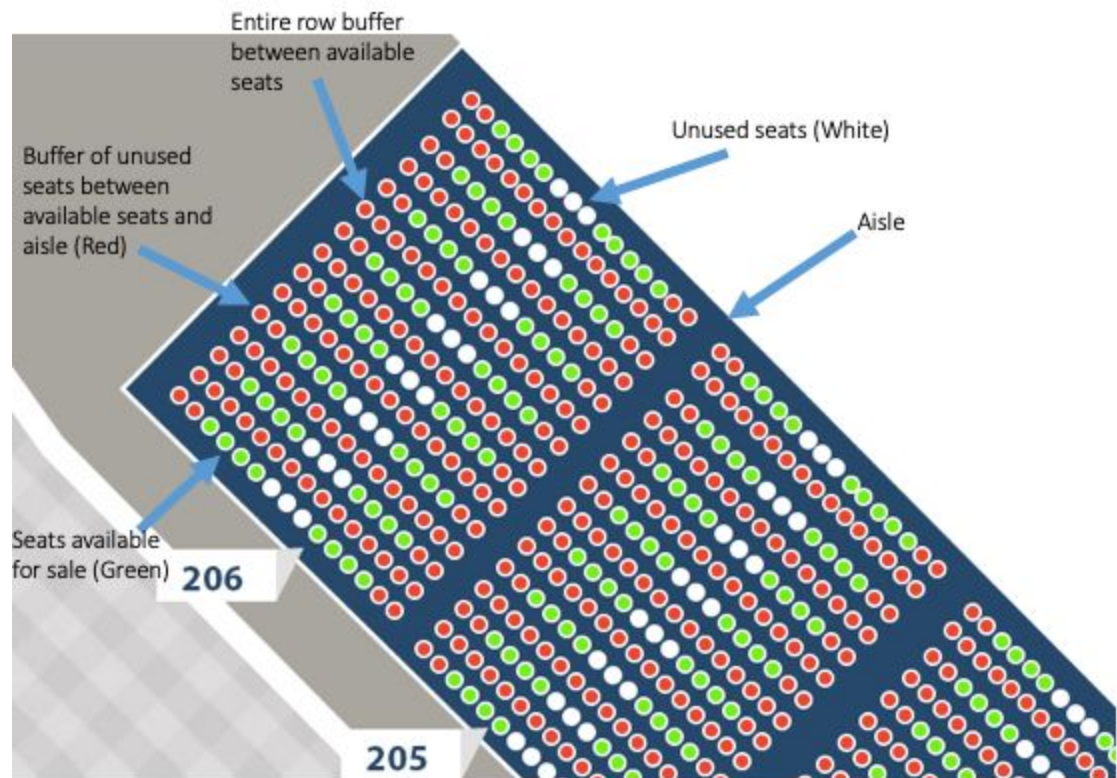
SOCIALLY DISTANT SEATING - (100-500 capacity to start season) (Max of 32.3%)

1. The team will begin with a limited capacity of 100-500 fans following state and local guidelines and will increase capacity following the same protocols. The ballpark capacity

will not exceed more than 32.3% which will allow us to maintain social distancing protocols.

2. The Bombers have recreated their existing facility seating chart to allow for proper distancing, thus decreasing overall ballpark capacity factoring in separate pods to allow for proper distancing in all seating areas
3. Group and hospitality areas will operate with reduced capacity to promote proper distancing. Tables and chairs will be properly spaced to meet distancing standards.
4. Rows and seats will remain vacant to maintain proper distancing between familial parties.
5. Previous total capacity: 3,176. New capacity: 1,027. 32.3%

a. Main Grandstand



b.

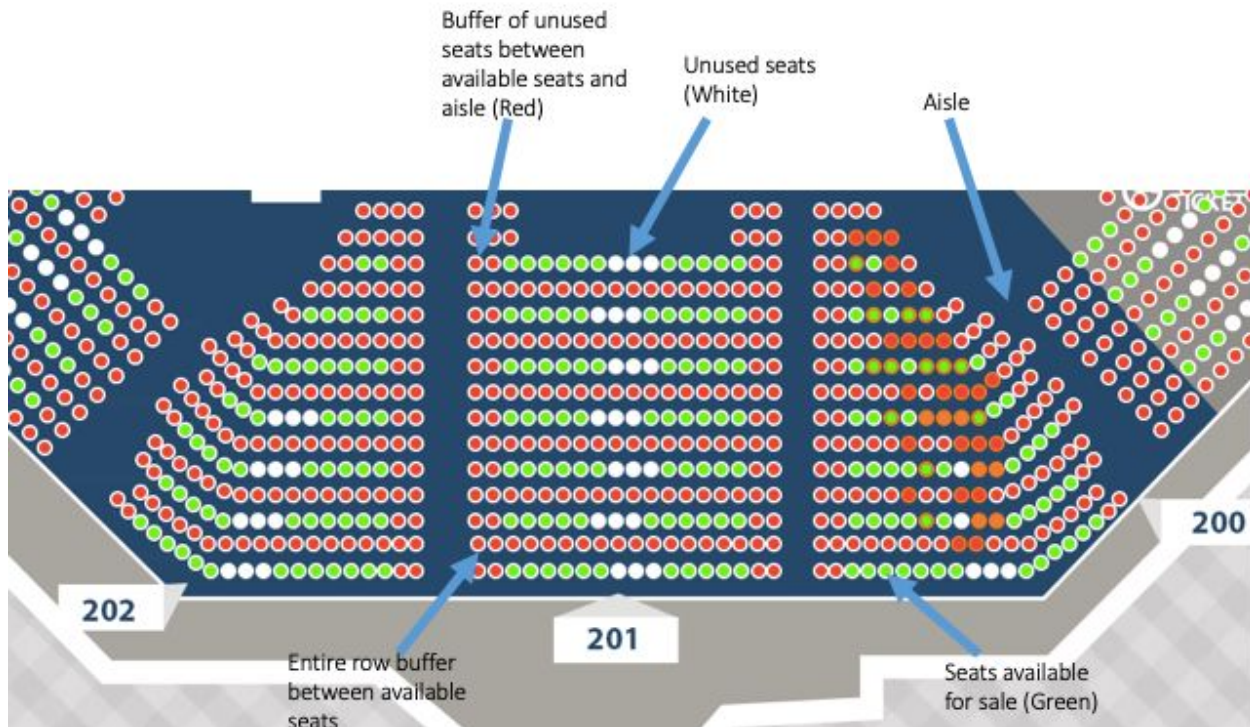
- i. Sections 203-206 . Previous capacity: 1,698. New Capacity: 235, 13.8%

1. Red seats indicate a buffer of unoccupied seats between bookable seats and aisle.
2. Green seats indicate seats for sale, with a 3 seat buffer in between bookable seats to allow proper social distancing.
3. Standard Readiness Plans from similar arenas and stadiums allow fans to sit in every other row.

- ii. Sections 196-199. Previous capacity: 1,698. New Capacity: 235, 13.8%

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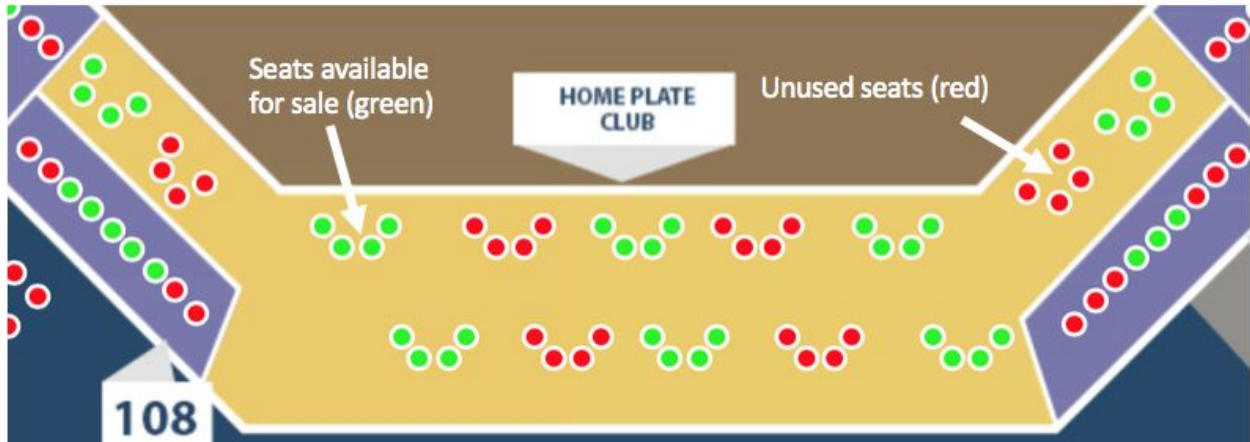
c. Home Plate Grandstand. **Previous capacity: 623. New capacity: 189, 30.3%**



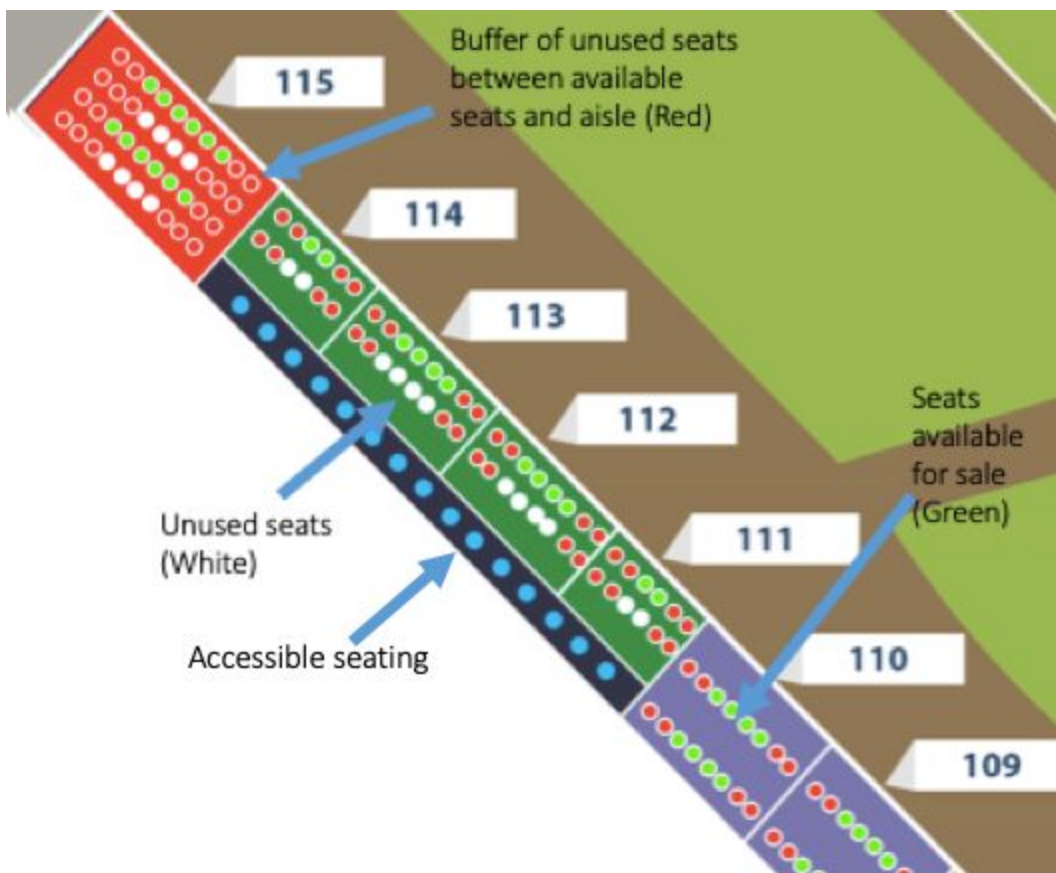
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1. Home Plate Club. **Previous capacity: 56. New: 32. 57%**

- a. These sections consist of semi-circular tables with 4 fixed seats around them.
- b. The red seats have been removed to maintain proper social distancing.
- c. Green seats are bookable seats.



2. Third Base Box Seats. Previous capacity: 137. New Capacity: 45, 32.8%



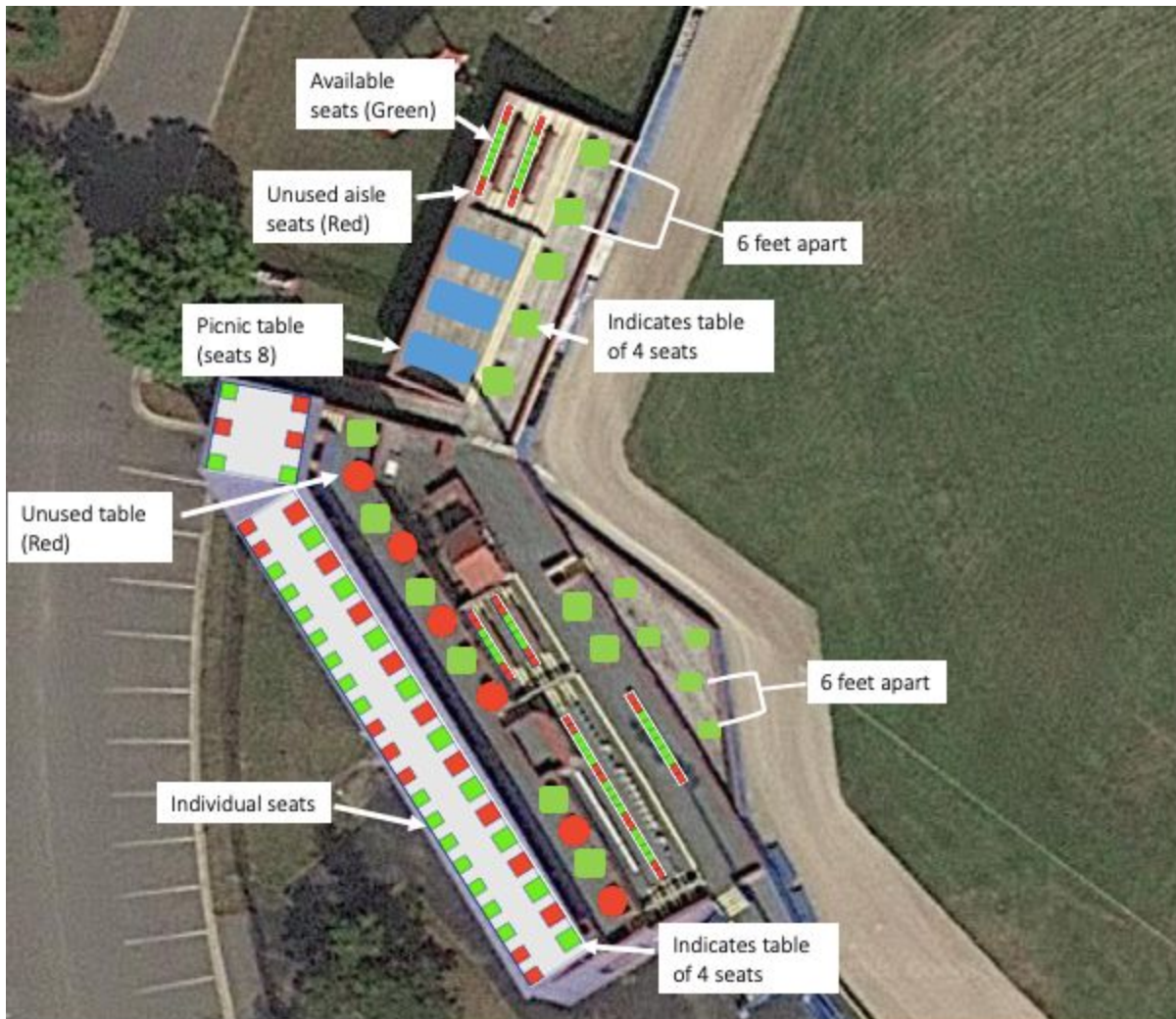
a. Third Base Box Seats: Sections 108-115

1. Previous Capacity: 137 New Capacity: 45, 32.8%

ii. Red seats indicate a buffer of unoccupied seats between bookable seats and aisle.

- iii. Green seats indicate seats for sale, with a 3 seat buffer in between bookable seats to allow proper social distancing.
 - a. Sections 108-110 have a row of seats removed from a previous stadium upgrade allowing for fans to sit in consecutive rows.
 - b. First Base Box Seats: Sections 100-107
 - 1. Previous Capacity: 137 New Capacity: 45, 32.8%
 - ii. Red seats indicate a buffer of unoccupied seats between bookable seats and aisle.
 - iii. Green seats indicate seats for sale, with a 3 seat buffer in between bookable seats to allow proper social distancing.
 - a. Sections 105-107 have a row of seats removed from a previous stadium upgrade allowing for fans to sit in consecutive rows.

4. Group Areas



- a. Party Deck
 - i. Lower deck seating area. Previous capacity: 350. New capacity: 120, 36%
 1. Stadium seats with rows of 4 and 6 with the aisle as a buffer.
 2. Bench on the rail with a row of 6 people
 3. High-Top Table seating for 4 people, 6 feet apart
 - ii. Sky Loft seating area. Previous capacity: 150. New capacity: 90, 48%
 1. High-Top seating 4 people, skipping every other table
 2. Individual seating 6 feet apart

GAMEDAY STAFFING POLICIES

1. Temperature Check for all Part-Time and Full-Time staff members, as well as interns prior to entering the Stadium.
2. All staff members will be provided with and required to wear protective equipment, including but not limited to, masks & gloves.
3. Continuous training for staff members regarding updated policies, procedures and guidelines related to health and safety.

CLUBHOUSE & ON-FIELD PERSONNEL

1. Players, coaches and umpires will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival in Battle Creek. They will be isolated until they receive a negative result.
2. The Bombers will work with their local Sports Medicine team, City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department, and the Northwoods League on proper guidelines for social distancing in the dugouts and locker room.
3. Limitations will be placed on commonly “spit” items including seeds and peanuts.
4. There will be an increase in cleanliness in each clubhouse along with additional restrictions on clubhouse access - media and front office staff are likely to be prohibited.
5. Buffet-style food service will be discontinued, and all utensils must be pre-packaged.
6. Upon arrival at the ballpark, Bombers on field personnel will undergo health screenings including temperature checks.

TICKET PURCHASE / SERVICING

1. As a general practice, no tickets will be printed and handed on-site. Instead, box office personnel will email tickets to a customer’s device.
2. Stanchions and/or spacing markers will promote proper social distancing between fans waiting in lines.
3. Season ticket and group/hospitality customers will have the option of contactless ticket distribution; all subsequent exchanges or additional ticket requests may be conducted electronically.

FAN EXPERIENCE

Cashless Payment

1. The Bombers highly encourage contactless credit card and electronic payments at all concession, merchandise and ticket locations throughout the ballpark.
2. Fans will not be required to sign for credit card purchases.

Food and Beverage

1. Additional staff will be hired to assist with food and beverage policies and to help disinfect surfaces before, during, and after all events.
2. Staff to have preseason training along with in season updates and reminders to ensure proper procedures are followed.
3. All menus will be reduced and simplified, in order to reduce the number of items required throughout the ballpark and potential contamination.
4. Food prep stations will be consolidated in order to minimize potential areas of contamination.
5. Hand sanitizer will be provided at all food and beverage outlets.
6. Bombers staff will be required to wear proper personal protection, including masks and gloves.
7. Bombers staff will be serving all fans in all inclusive areas throughout the ballpark.
8. Condiment stations will be removed. Staff will serve condiments to fans in pre portioned servings.
9. All utensils will be pre-packaged and distributed by Bombers staff
10. Multi use cups will be eliminated, requiring a fan to get a clean cup each trip.
11. All beverage stations will be staffed allowing staff members to serve fans.
12. Beer cans will not be opened by Bombers staff. Fans must open in front of staff members.
13. Food and beverage lines will be constructed in a way to allow for proper social distancing.
14. An emphasis will be placed on proper social distancing, hygiene, and minimizing touchpoint areas.

On Field Entertainment

1. Autograph sessions with players will not be permitted.
2. Players will not be permitted to throw baseballs or other items into seating areas.
3. The Bombers Promotion Conductors will use gloves and masks when handing out items to fans.
4. All between inning promotions will abide by proper distancing guidelines and minimal contact.
5. On-field activities such as Ceremonial First Pitches will be conducted with heightened restrictions which shall include, without limitation, proper distancing, the wearing of protective gloves and/or masks.

Kids Fun Zone

1. The Bombers will not operate traditional Fun Zone attractions such as the bounce house, zip line, obstacle course, and other high touchpoint games.
2. Instead, the Fun Zone will feature scheduled activities that allow for proper distancing.

Gifts/Handouts

1. Handouts will still occur with protective measures in place, i.e. programs will be handed out with gloves.
2. 5 Pack Gifts will still be distributed. Fans will not be permitted to exchange their gifts for a different size.

Team Store

1. Number of fans in the Team Store will be limited to 5 at a time.
2. Fans will be asked to wear a mask while in the store and sanitize hands upon entry/exit.
3. Exchanges and returns will not be accepted.
4. The store and checkout line will be constructed in a way to allow for proper social distancing.
5. Fans will be encouraged to purchase team merchandise online prior to or during the game, to be prepped by Bombers staff and picked up by customers.

COMMUNICATION / MESSAGING

1. Signage will be posted throughout the ballpark reminding fans of the current State of MI recommendations and CDC guidelines.
2. The Bombers plan will be posted on the Bombers website and shared throughout the season on the team's social media and through their email channels.
3. Messaging around the ballpark will educate and encourage fans to follow the Bombers
4. Ballpark messaging includes, but is not limited to, signage, program advertisements, and PA announcements.
5. Links to new stadium maps, this readiness plan, and other important information will be included in receipt emails to ticket buyers.