




The Dodgers' competitive edge against microbes.

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With the San Gabriel Mountains reaching above the outfield pavilions, and the frenetic glow of downtown Los Angeles just to the south, Dodger Stadium easily earns a spot as one of the most notable major league baseball stadiums in the country. Built in 1962, the home of the LA Dodgers is the oldest MLB ballpark west of the Mississippi River. However, that history comes with its own unique challenges.

"I got here in the fall of 2015, and I remember my first off-season," says Neil Rampe, Head Athletic Trainer for the Dodgers. "When trying to learn the facility, some of the things were new, and some were older or retro-fitted." Rampe understood that taking care of his players also included taking care of their facilities—ensuring even the more vintage parts stayed as clean as they possibly could.

"If everything's perfect, the game is already hard enough," says Rampe, who didn't want to waste energy worrying about what microbes may be lurking around his players. "So what can you do to not make it any harder on yourself?" That's what led him to Synexis.

With encouragement from the rest of the Dodgers' management, Rampe sought out a solution for reducing the presence of viruses, bacteria, mold, and odors among the air and surfaces of his new facility.

Synexis was his answer—able to continuously attack microbes without ever disturbing his players' day-to-day training with labor intensive cleaning rituals.

"We were able to bring Synexis representatives out to do a needs analysis, to take a look at the facility and figure out the best plan to protect the greater clubhouse area: the weight room, batting cages, the clubhouse, dining area, training room, the whole greater facility the players would be in," Rampe says.

Since Dodger Stadium dates back nearly 80 years, adapting Synexis to their HVAC system wasn't a possibility. So the team purchased a handful of the Sentry devices, and then later the Spheres—both adaptable units that only need a standard 120VAC/220VAC outlet.

But Rampe saw outfitting Dodger Stadium with Synexis as only half the battle. "Our season is 162 games, normally. 81 of those are away games," Rampe says. "We'll play in a city for three days, hop on a bus, get on a plane. We're on the road every other week for 6 months."

So he worked with Synexis to put together travel cases, ensuring he could take Synexis devices on the road with him. While the MLB does have over-arching cleaning standards for its facilities, every stadium is naturally different, with a variety of climates and environmental issues unique to each part of the country.

"For our general offense when we get to a new city, we place a unit in the weight room, a unit in the training room, a unit in the dining area, and a unit in the club house. We just run those units non-stop from the time we get into a city until the time we leave, just for that added layer of protection to the environment around the players."

In the years since Rampe has been Head Athletic Trainer for the Dodgers, his confidence in Synexis has only grown, as has his use of the devices. The Dodgers have recently begun to rely on Synexis at their spring training facility, as well. "Our spring training is in Phoenix, Arizona, and the desert poses an entirely different set of challenges, like dusts, pollens, and mold spores. We also purchased a handful more this season to utilize at our alternate site, at USC's Baseball Facility."

Environmental challenges are an inerrant facet of any major league sport, but so is the need to feel confident and comfortable in whatever space you're in.



It comes down to the players, though, who truly need to see the air and surface environment looking and feeling better. And Rampe's pursuit of cleanliness has certainly passed on to his players, a handful of whom have put Synexis devices in their own homes.

"It felt like there was a competitive edge this year, that it's one less thing you have to worry about," Rampe says. "Going into 2020, we look like geniuses that we already had this installed."

Designed to operate 24/7/365, Synexis patented DHP™ (Dry Hydrogen Peroxide) technology works behind the scenes with very little upkeep and no disruption to the routines of Rampe or any of his players. By continuously flowing through any indoor space, DHP reduces the level of microbes, like viruses, bacteria, mold, and odors, both in the air and on surfaces.

"Where Synexis really hit home was that it was the best comprehensive solution to both air quality and surface," Rampe says. "Where a lot of other places addressed one or the other, this gave me more confidence to address both issues with one product or service rather than stack multiple ones."

What's Rampe's plan moving forward? Well, it's relatively simple. "I'll keep using Synexis as long as we keep winning the World Series!"

From identifying the environmental issues of any facility, to analyzing present cleaning practices, and assessing the proper placement of products, Synexis will design a plan that can assure any sports organization gets the right fit.

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