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VIA EMAIL

TO: American Legion Department Commanders and Adjutants
American Legion Baseball Department Chairmen

FROM: Richard Anderson, Chairman, National Americanism Commission

DATE: March 22, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID-19 and American Legion Baseball Program

American Legion Baseball's highest priority is the health, well-being and safety of all our participants, families, volunteers and fans. Currently the National American Legion Baseball schedule remains in place per dates approved by the National Executive Committee (NEC); however, the schedule is subject to the respective state restrictions where the Regional and World Series tournaments are scheduled. It remains the goal of the Americanism Commission to hold our Regional and World Series tournaments this summer if possible.

Your National American Legion Baseball Committee continues monitoring COVID-19 developments through [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [COVID-19 updates from National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford](https://www.legion.org) at legion.org. We are committed to communicating with you on a consistent basis and provide you with additional information as it becomes available.

We realize this pandemic results in all of us taking concerted steps and making important decisions regarding the 2020 baseball season. For now, we ask you to review the guidelines, restrictions and regulations established by local, state and federal governments to ensure doing whatever is required for the safety and well-being of everyone involved. The more prepared we are moving into this 2020 program season, the better we are in the face of all possible contingencies.

As this point, based on known school districts, local, state and federal restrictions and regulations, the American Legion Baseball Committee strongly encourages and recommends that departments suspend all baseball activities (team meetings, tryouts, practices, etc.) until all restrictions have been lifted. This recommendation has the endorsement of the national Americanism Commission.

Please feel free to contact Steve Cloud at (317) 630-1213 or baseball@legion.org with any questions or request for clarification you might have. In advance, thank you for your efforts and consideration for our nation's youth and 100% Americanism.