

## BASEBALL NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Kevin Legge, President, Baseball NL

Date: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

RE: Baseball NL – updated response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Dear Baseball NL Membership,

As you are all aware, the updates concerning COVID-19 are becoming more and more a part of our lives. With each day that passes, the cases of COVID-19 in Canada are increasing, more activities and events globally are being postponed or cancelled, and day-to-day life is changing as we know it. Even though it has only been one week since our initial announcement, we have been monitoring and updating everyone as much as possible and appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work through this unprecedented situation.

Following guidance from Baseball Canada, and to continue to ensure the health and safety of anyone associated with Baseball NL-sanctioned programming, we have made the decision to **suspend all Baseball NL-sanctioned activity until April 30**<sup>th</sup>. This continues to include any upcoming Provincial Team tryouts, Provincial Team training, coaching clinics, umpire clinics and meetings. If this suspension is forced to extend into the summer months, we will update at that time with respect to on-field activity, including the Provincial Championship season.

While we will do our best to inform everyone as to when activities will resume, please continue to understand that this is a situation that is evolving daily. We are continuing to gather information and relying on the expertise of health and government officials, as well as our National Sports Organization, in order to make the best decisions possible for everyone involved. Once we approach April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will again re-evaluate the situation and update our proposed return date if necessary.

The decision to suspend any club-level training or programming continues to remain at the club level and will be assessed within their jurisdictions on a case-by-case basis by club-level officials. If you or your child are involved with club-level training or programming, please contact your local club for more information on those specific events.

Again, thank you for your cooperation & support as we continue to work through this very unprecedented situation. For the time being, continue to stay safe and practice the proper public health precautions to ensure we are all able to get back on the field – and back to day-to-day life – as quickly and safely as possible.

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