



Updated Fall 2020

Youth Baseball Program

COVID-19 Policies & Procedures

1. COVID-19 Hygiene

- Display signage that promotes proper hygiene practices for COVID-19.
- Instruct all participants that if they are not feeling well do not attend practices/games.
- Clean and sanitize high traffic areas (bathrooms and public side of concessions, other high touch areas) every hour when practices and games are played.
- Close off the bleachers and require the parent(s) to bring their own chair(s).
- Clearly mark on the ground in front of concessions a 6' buffer between customers.
- Installed hand sanitizers in each of the dugouts and in common areas.
- Encourage all coaches to wear masks during practices and games with the exception of when they are on the field.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing are strongly recommended for players and coaches during practice and games.

2. Practices

- All coaches will be briefed on proper guidelines for practices and games.
- All parents of participants will be notified of the rules/guidelines for resuming safe play via email and facility signage.
- Coaches and players should leave the facility following their respective practices.
- Group drills consisting of 6 players and 1 to 2 coaches while maintaining social distancing. Players should be split in two groups, half in each dugout when possible.
- Each team would need to designate one person responsible for cleaning/sanitizing equipment with the supplied cleaning solution.
- Require each coach to complete a roll call sheet for each practice and submit to City Supervisor by the end of each practice. This will assist in the contact tracing and notifications if someone has tested positive.
- Supply each team with cleaning/sanitizing product which will be stored at the facility and issued each game, for any equipment that is shared.
- Notify the parents that we recommend they purchase helmets for their child and place their name on the helmet. For those that cannot purchase a helmet we can issue one for use during the season.
- No sharing of equipment when possible. Team bats should be sanitized between uses.
- Coaches should adhere to the six ft. social distancing requirement when addressing other adults unless masks are in use.

3. Games

- No sharing of equipment when possible. Team bats should be sanitized between uses.
- Each team would need to designate one person responsible for cleaning/sanitizing equipment with the supplied cleaning solution.
- City will supply each team with cleaning/sanitizing product which will be stored at the facility and issued each game, for any equipment that is shared.
- Insure that the designated catchers on each team have their own catchers gear; mark the catchers gear with child's name.
- Umpire may work the game from behind home plate or pitcher's mound and must be wearing a mask.
- Baseball changed out every two innings.
- After the games the used baseballs will be cleaned/sanitized for future use.
- Teams/players/coaches should find other ways to celebrate runs/hits and culmination of the game, avoiding high-fives or any other contact.
- Instead of shaking hands at the end of games, the players should lineup in front of the dugout and tip their cap.
- No throwing the ball around the infield following an out. Limit touches of the baseballs between innings for players in the field.
- Facility staff will clean and disinfect dugouts, restrooms and where possible common areas daily.
- In the event of inclement weather, parents, players and coaches will be instructed to shelter in their vehicles as the facilities do not have adequate space for social distancing guidelines.

4. Communication & Logging Symptomatic Cases

- If a player/umpire/coaches or anyone associated with the league becomes symptomatic they must inform the League President immediately. The League President will then inform the Recreation Manager.
- The Recreation Manager will inform the County Health Department of any symptomatic individuals.
- The League President will send out an email to all participants to inform them of the case and steps being taken to protect all involved.
- The league will maintain a database of any confirmed or symptomatic cases.
- For each case the league will attempt to track when symptoms started, subsided, results of any tests taken, and make note of any decisions related to the case.