



# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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Dear New London Youth Baseball Board of Directors,

Over the past month Wisconsin has unfortunately seen an increase in positive COVID-19 cases, with some days in the last week now breaking 1,000 new cases a day. As most of you know, Governor Tony Evers yesterday declared an emergency order mandating face coverings for public indoor situations reinforcing the issue that the situation in the state is currently not headed in the right direction. Evers also referenced that a recent *"White House COVID-19 Task Force identified Wisconsin as a "red zone" state along with 21 other states that have significant uncontrolled spread of COVID-19."*

I like many understand that there are a ton of passionate opinions on both sides of this issue which makes it extremely difficult in deciding whether or not to invite groups into our community for special events. These events that our non-profits host, including NLYB baseball tournaments, are extremely important to our community. The positive outlet for our youth to participate in organized sporting events pave the way for their social development as they grow. The impact from drawing in people from outside our community has a large domino effect in boosting our local economy. There is no argument that the city traditionally supports these events and positive effect it has on our community. That is why after consulting with city leaders, it is with a heavy heart that unfortunately due to the current COVID-19 pandemic I must require that NLYB cancel scheduled baseball tournaments until further notice. We understand how many hours of preparation and work is needed to hold these events and how much dedication it takes to build a successful program or tournament. But we can't just ignore the current situation. Whether or not one has the opinion that the virus isn't really that bad to everyone's health, the reality is that it's effecting businesses and disrupting governmental operations left and right by sending employees home for weeks on end to quarantine.

I can't stress enough how this is the last thing any of us would like to do and restrict positive activity for our youth as well as turn away business for our local economy; but it's important that we keep our community and businesses safe. I truly hope the pandemic turns around quickly so that these great activities and special events come back in full force to show everyone how great the City of New London really is!

Sincerely,

Chad R. Hoerth,  
Director of Public Services  
City of New London