

CVLL Safety Protocols:

We wish to ensure the safety of our players, coaches, and families during this time so some of these rules might seem extreme but we must put processes in place to be allowed to play baseball. Please abide by these rules the best you can so everyone feels safe at our fields. Talk to the children to explain some of the rules that they wouldn't usually have to follow on a normal year. Unfortunately, these will be our rules until we are phased out of the COVID phases.

Any Covid related issues such as COVID symptoms, positive testing, etc please reach out to your coach and the coach should contact Tony Dinsmore at president@cvyouthbaseball.com. Hopefully, we have a successful year with minimal interruptions. Last fall we had only 1 close call and had to cancel 1 game until a negative test was back in hand which was great and hoping to not have to cancel any team's practices or games. If we do get a positive test back we will work with the Health department to contact trace and to do our part to follow their recommendations. Any further changes to this plan may happen as things are evolving but we are following CDC guidelines and the PIAA outdoor rules for spring play here.

Arrival Process and Exiting Process

- Parents need to check their players temperature before going to the field for practice, sandlot days, or a game and after. Any temp of 100 or higher would mean the player will not be able to participate. Furthermore, they can't come back to baseball activity until the temperature is down for 72 hours.
- Please emphasize proper hand washing with the players coming to the field or leaving the field along with keeping hands away from their faces.
- If a player won't be in attendance please notify their coach

Disinfecting Equipment

- Disinfectant spray and sanitizer will be provided in each team's equipment bags to be used if any equipment is shared like the team helmets, catchers gear, etc.

Drinks\Snacks

- No team drinks or snacks
- Players should come with their own personal labeled drinks
- Players can't share snacks or food
- **Sunflower seeds, gum will not be allowed in the dugouts or on the playing fields**

Face Coverings

- All Coaches, athletes, and spectators must wear face coverings if they can't maintain sustained physical distance from persons outside of their household. In other words while in dugouts unless the kids are spacing out they should wear a face covering but while on the field of play they can choose to remove their masks.

Player equipment

- Keep equipment sharing to a minimum only players that have their own catchers gear should catch however, the team equipment can be disinfected and used if the parent is okay
- If player equipment is shared like a helmet or bat it should be wiped or sprayed with league provided disinfectant between uses and allowed to dry with increased attention to be placed on catchers masks.

Spectators

- All spectators should follow best social distancing practices — stay six feet away from individuals outside their household; wear a cloth face covering; avoid direct hand or other contact with players/managers/coaches during play.
- Bleachers are closed and can't be used this season so spectators should bring their own seating or portable chairs when possible
- A spectator with any of the following conditions should not attend a practice or game until evaluated by a medical provider and given clearance to do so:
 - Active COVID-19 infection
 - Known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19
 - Fever
 - Cough
- Those at higher risk for severe disease should consider consultation with their medical provider before attending a game and should ensure the strictest adherence to guidelines regarding face coverings, distancing, and handwashing. Such groups include:
 - Those with a serious underlying medical condition, including heart disease, morbid obesity, diabetes, lung disease, immunocompromise, chronic kidney disease, and chronic lung disease.
 - Those currently residing in a nursing home or long-term care facility
 - Those over 65

Games

- No after game hand shakes, either line up and tip caps or use elbows
- Limit player contact as much as possible
- Swap out balls between pitchers – **each team should have their own baseballs for their defensive inning instead of sharing this year.**

Thanks,

Tony Dinsmore