



CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS



COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION PLAN

The following guidance provides the framework for the City of Laguna Niguel's COVID-19 safety protocols and adaptations to operations for Laguna Niguel Baseball/Softball Fields. This Risk Mitigation Plan will be continually assessed and modified based on recommendations and directives from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), State of California, County of Orange and the City of Laguna Niguel.

Risk Mitigation for Public Safety and Health

- Face coverings are strongly recommended when physical distancing is not feasible.
- Spectators to follow 6' distancing guidelines and bring their own portable chairs to sit along sidelines.
- Personal belongings left behind will be discarded.
- Avoid and discourage unnecessary physical contact.
- All drinking fountains are closed, and concession sales are not permitted. Participants are encouraged to bring their own packaged food and drinks.
- Synthetic turf facilities are scheduled for maintenance once a month to include sweeping, dragging, and grooming.
- Common areas and surfaces (bleachers, drinking fountains, bathrooms, etc.) disinfected daily with EPA approved cleaning agent(s) as recommended by the CDC. To reduce the risk of asthma related to disinfecting, disinfectant products with asthma-safer ingredients are recommended
- Apply and maintain 6' distancing markers on bleachers for spectators to sit during games.
- Restroom supplies restocked with soap and hand towels, or hand sanitizer.
- Field Ambassadors to monitor facilities to ensure social distancing practices are followed and a maximum of two teams are using each field at one time.
- City staff will wear face coverings and maintain social distancing while visiting all facilities and/or communicating with coaches, players, spectators, and other members of the public.
- Should any organization be found to be in violation of City policy, permits may be revoked, and future field reservations may not be granted.
- Signs posted throughout facilities (fields, equipment bins, restrooms, etc.) to remind participants of safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Risk Mitigation for Staff Safety and Health

- City staff required to follow the City of Laguna Niguel's "Return to Work Employee Guidelines: COVID-19".
- COVID-19 Health Questionnaire submitted to Management Services weekly.
- Staff temperatures screened daily.
- Face coverings strongly recommended.
- Personal protective equipment supplied, including gloves, face coverings, and sanitizing products
 - Gloves required when disinfecting facilities
 - Gloves will be discarded after each use

Permit Holders and Team Use

- Individuals, including coaches, players, and families, should stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Individuals, including coaches, players, and families, who have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.
- If feasible, conduct daily health checks (e.g., symptom checking) of coaches, officials, staff, and players safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.
- All individuals should monitor their body temperature to ensure that no fever is present prior to participating or attending each league activity. Participants with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher should not participate in any team activities.
- Reinforce effective handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, as well as regular hand sanitizing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer)
 - Hand Sanitizer should be regularly used by all players, coaches, and officials. All supplies should be provided by the permit holder.
 - Children under age nine should use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Face coverings are strongly recommended for coaches, youth/adult sports staff, officials, parents, and spectators as much as possible.
 - Face coverings may be challenging for players to wear while playing sports but use of masks should be encouraged for participants arriving/leaving practice.
 - Wearing cloth face coverings is most important when physical distancing is difficult.
 - Participants should be frequently reminded to limit touching of their face covering.
 - Information should be provided to all participants on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on:
 - Babies and children younger than two years old
 - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
 - Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.
- Permit holders are expected to provide the following personal protective equipment (PPE):
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Cleaning supplies for equipment
 - Shade
- All participants should maintain social distancing of at least 6' when possible. (e.g., during instruction, pre/post game meetings)
 - Participants are to remain socially distanced while not engaged in play or on the sidelines.
 - Teams should have a responsible adult representative who can help maintain social distancing among youth, coaches, and officials.

- League administrators should schedule a minimum of 30 minutes between games/practices to allow groups to vacate the facility safely before the next group arrives.
- Leagues will be required to present specific plans for field use incorporating social distancing methods and proper PPE.
 - Generally, each baseball field shall be scheduled so that a maximum of two teams are on the field at one time, depending on team size (one in outfield, one in infield).
 - The number of players, coaches, and officials on the field must be limited to preserve social distancing requirements.
 - If a field is being shared for practices, teams must remain on their side of the field and are not permitted to practice together or have practice games against each other.
- Participants should vacate the field/facility as soon as is reasonably possible after the conclusion of their scheduled activity.
- Participant Social Distancing
 - Dugouts and bleachers are for players and coaches only.
 - Managers/coaches and players should be assigned spots in the dugout or on the bleachers so that they are at least 6' apart.
 - Dugout benches and bleachers will be marked off with 6' sections, one per participant.
 - Participants are to stay at their assigned spots when on the bench or while waiting their turn to bat.
 - Teams should have a responsible adult representative who can help maintain social distancing among youth, coaches, and umpires.
 - Batting Cages/Bullpens
 - Players and coaches are expected to maintain social distancing practices while using the batting cages and bullpens.
 - Only two people are allowed inside the batting cages and bullpens at a time.
 - Players waiting to hit in the batting cage must remain 6' apart and outside of the batting cage.
 - All shared equipment inside the batting cages is to be cleaned and disinfected with an EPA approved disinfectant against COVID-19 and allowed sufficient time to dry before use by a new player/coach.
 - Limit the use of carpools or van pools. When riding in an automobile to a sports event, encourage players to ride to the sports event with persons living in their same household.
- Shared Equipment
 - Participant equipment are not permitted in the dugout and should be spaced outside to prevent direct contact with other participants.
 - Participants should have their own individual equipment including water bottles, batter's helmet, glove, bat, and catcher's equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - Surfaces of each piece of shared equipment must be cleaned first and then disinfected with an EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19 and allowed sufficient time to dry before use by a new participant. Increased attention should be paid to detailed cleaning of all equipment directly contacting the head and face. To reduce the risk of asthma

related to disinfecting, disinfectant products with asthma-safer ingredients are recommended.

- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc. are not allowed on the playing field or at the facility.
- Any shared field preparation equipment must be sprayed or wiped with cleaner and disinfectant before and after each use.

Participants or Staff Testing Positive for COVID-19.

- Any participant or staff member exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately be required to wear a face covering and to wait in an isolation area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility.
- All permitted user groups must notify local health officials, City staff, and all families immediately of any positive case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by State and Federal laws.
- Facilities used by a program participant who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be temporarily closed for cleaning and disinfection. To reduce the risk of exposure, it is recommended that the facility not be accessed for 24 hours before cleaning and disinfection occurs
- Additional areas of the facility visited by the COVID-19 positive individual may also need to be closed temporarily for cleaning and disinfection.
- Any person who tests positive for COVID-19 should not return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation, including three days with no fever, improved symptoms, and a minimum of 14 days since symptoms first appeared.

Signature of League Representative

Date

**Signature of Authorized Representative
of the City of Laguna Niguel**

Date