

BCGSL COVID-19 Safety Plan

The following policies and guidelines are an effort to protect the health and safety of your players, coaches, and families. These policies and guidelines have been developed through the guidance of the posted CDC guidelines for outdoor non-contact sports. This safety plan is subject to change depending on any changes in the CDC, local, or state guidelines that occur throughout the season. **Coaches, players, and parents must also follow any safety plans and guidelines that their specific organization has in place that might differ than these guidelines, provided that they include increased safety measures beyond the policies and guidelines included in this Safety Plan.**

- 1) All parents/guardians must sign a waiver that states that they reviewed and acknowledge all statements in this safety plan and that they will adhere to all provided guidelines. This signed waiver will be submitted to the BCGSL board and will be required to participate in the league.
- 2) **Social distancing guidelines**
 - a) No handshakes, hi-fives, or contact between players and or coaches. No end of game hand slapping allowed, teams are expected to line up on their foul line and celebrate the opposing team in a fun and respectful way.
 - b) Pre-game conferences should be limited to one coach from each team and the umpire while maintaining a 6' distance between everyone.
 - c) Teams should refrain from post-game snacks
 - d) Team huddles or gatherings should be avoided as much as possible. Encourage players to keep proper distance during any huddles. Minimize the frequency and duration of any meetings.
 - e) 6' distance between players is expected on bench areas. Use of dugouts is not recommended. There will be some field locations that proper distancing of the players is not possible due to safety concerns involving fence lengths or locations of benches and or dugouts. At these locations it is recommended that players and coaches wear a mask in the bench/dugout area. It is recommended that coaches of teams that know that distancing guidelines will be difficult at their fields advise the opposing coach of those concerns when scheduling games so that this information can be passed along to parents.
 - f) It is recommended that players bring their own chair to games to make distancing easier.
 - g) All spectators are expected to follow social distancing guidelines. When walking around at the fields or coming and going a mask is required. It is recommended that your own chair is brought, it is unknown how seating will be at each field location.
 - h) **When proper 6' distancing is unable to be followed by coaches, players, or spectators, a mask is required to be worn.**
- 3) NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS, GUM, OR SHARED DRINKS ALLOWED
- 4) **Equipment**
 - a) Players should not share each other's personal equipment (bats, gloves, batting gloves, helmets, fielder's masks, catchers gear, water bottle, etc.)
 - b) All shared team equipment must be sanitized after each use by a designated coach.
 - c) The home team is responsible for the control and sanitizing of the softballs after every half inning and before any ball is given to the pitcher.
- 5) Each organization will be responsible for having sanitizing supplies at their fields and locating them in areas that are easily accessible to all in attendance.
- 6) **Health Guidelines**
 - a) Parents are first and foremost responsible for monitoring the health of their player and reporting any issues to their coach.

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- b) Parents should take their player's temperature before leaving for games and practices.
 - c) If a coach notices symptoms or a player becomes ill during games or practices, that player must be removed immediately and leave the field.
 - d) Should a coach, player, or parent have any symptoms related to COVID-19 they should not attend games or practices. In addition, if anyone in their household has symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 they should not attend games or practices.
 - e) All CDC guidelines must be followed.
 - f) Any organization that has been advised of a positive COVID-19 test within their program must inform the BCGSL board so an investigation can take place into possible transmission to other teams.
- 7) **The BCGSL has the right to cancel or modify the 2020 Fall season due to changing guidelines or information related to COVID-19.**
- 8) For the 2020 Fall Season ONLY, the league will allow a game to be cancelled, or rescheduled due to COVID-19 related issues. The normal 1-hour notification must still be given to Glenn Kelly and the division commissioner.