



**COVID-19 Exposure, Preparedness and
Response Plan**

Bemidji Youth League Baseball

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The purpose of this plan is to outline the steps BYLB is planning to take to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. This plan describes what protective measures, and cleaning and disinfecting procedures will take place. This plan also describes the steps that will be taken if someone contracts COVID-19.

BYLB takes the health and safety of all participants, coaches and parents very seriously. With the spread of COVID-19 or “coronavirus”, we must all remain diligent in mitigating the outbreak. We have developed this plan to be implemented at our facility, taking into consideration CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines at any given time. We are asking everyone to help with our prevention efforts while at the fields. In order to minimize risk and continue to be able to play baseball, we all must do our part.

As set forth below, BYLB has implemented various rules, waivers, disinfecting schedules, social distancing and other best practices. BYLB expects that if at anytime any child, parent, or coach experiences signs or symptoms of COVID-19, as described below, that you report this immediately to BYLB. Do NOT come to the ballpark, and call your healthcare provider right away.

*Coughing

*Fever

*Shortness of Breath, difficulty breathing

*Chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, nausea/vomiting

*Loss of taste/sense of smell.

I. Games

Corresponding entrances to fields will be opened. Please park and use the gate nearest to where your child will be playing, both to enter and exit. Warm up time for games will be kept to a minimum as appropriate. Only coaches will be utilizing dugouts, as needed. Wipes and hand sanitizer will be stocked in each dugout. Participants will be lined up outside fence lines, in corresponding 6ft increments. No seeds, gum, spitting etc. will be allowed during games. This is to minimize spitting and droplet

spread. Each child is responsible for having their own adequate water supply available for warm-ups and the game. There will be no sharing of drinks and no water fountain. Coaches, spectators and umpires may choose to wear masks as appropriate.

II. Concessions/Bathrooms

At this time there will be no concessions available, please bring any food or drink items with you. There will be two port-a-potty units and a wash station available for use. Disinfection of frequently touched items will be cleaned with one of the following:

- 1.) Common EPA registered household disinfectant
- 2.) Alcohol solution of at least 60%
- 3.) Diluted bleach solution

III. Equipment

BYLB requests that each player bring as much of their own equipment as possible. Including, but not limited to helmet, bat, batting gloves, and catcher's gear. BYLB will have limited equipment available for use during a game, which will be collected after and sanitized. Loaner catcher's gear will only be signed out to one child per game, then disinfected properly

following completion of game. Minimal baseballs will be used, and will be disinfected upon completion of games.

IV. Players

Players will use their own/borrowed equipment and will not use another player's gear. Players will be expected to stay within their own 6 ft area when not on field, and avoid contact with others.

Players will not share, or drink out of someone else's drinking vessel. Player's should ideally wear two batting gloves as much as is reasonably possible.

V. Umpires

One umpire per game will be utilized. Umpires will stand and call pitches from behind the pitcher. Please be kind and patient with umpires as they adjust to this new way of calling games.

Intolerant behavior towards umpires will be grounds for ejection from the fields.

VI. Spectators

Spectators will be limited to two persons per household to watch games, this includes children. Spectators will be expected to bring their own chairs/snacks/drinks. There will be no seating behind home plate or on bleachers. Spectators will be asked to sit along 1st and 3rd foul lines, either behind their player's designated 6ft section, or further down, with proper social distancing. Spectators will also be welcome to watch games from parking area surrounding corresponding field. Parents/guardians will continue to be restricted from facility during practices.

VII. Positive COVID-19/Symptoms

If at anytime a participant, or coach shows signs or symptoms of the coronavirus, or gets a positive test, they must notify BYLB, refrain from playing games, or visiting the ballpark until one of the following is met:

- 1.) Negative test
- 2.) A doctor's ok to return note.

3.) 3 days with no fever **and** symptoms improved **and** has been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

If a coach sees any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 during practice, warm-ups or games, as stated above, they will ask child to return to their parent(s)/guardian and leave the ballpark. If any family member is ill with COVID-19 the coach/child of that household must also isolate for 14 days and refrain from attending games and practice, and/or visiting facility. If any child or coach has a known exposure to a person who has tested positive, they should alert BYLB and self-quarantine for 14 days. If BLYB learns of any positive COVID-19 case in a coach or child, BYLB will consider risk of person-to-person transmission, environment and other factors and alert appropriate persons as needed.

Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent practical. When it is required, the number of person to be informed will be kept to a minimum. This will assure proper care to the remaining children, coaches and spectators.

Thank you to all of our coaches, parents, and children for understanding and helping to make Bemidji Youth League Baseball the safest it can be during these difficult times.