



BAA Community,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from the community about, if and how COVID-19 will change this year's athletic season. We know this pandemic has been stressful to many and recognize that exercising and participating in activities like sports can be a healthy way to cope with stress and connect with our community. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume youth sports while following CDC considerations to protect players, families, and our community.

The health and safety of our athletes and volunteers remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible while also allowing our athletes to play. We are:

- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection facilities and premises with the dugout benches, these will be wiped down after each team concludes their time at the field. Shared equipment, bats, helmets and catchers gear will be disinfected after use. Public bathrooms will be cleaned in the mornings prior to the park being opened and are handled by that local boro.
- Reducing physical closeness or contact between players when possible by limiting the number of players per team and number of teams at the field at the same time, staggering arrivals, putting signs at the playing fields to ensure that coaches, players and spectators stay 6 feet apart, discouraging unnecessary physical contact, such as high-fives, handshakes, fist bumps, and hugs.
- Traveling outside of our BAA community which consist of the CVSD. At the older age groups, the BAA does travel inside the Pittsburgh vicinity and players travel from the same Pittsburgh vicinity areas to the BAA fields for games. These teams will need to have their own COVID Plan to be able to play.
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices by having hand sanitizer in each dugout and encouraging it to be used before and after practices and games, encouraging children to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue (with disposal of tissue in the trash receptacle) or to use the inside of their elbow, and discouraging spitting, although a tough one but understand it's more of an all-encompassing thing to be allowed to play.
- Requesting that coaches, youth sports staff, officials, parents, and spectators wear a cloth face covering during practices and games when in close proximity (6 feet of their teammate, coach, etc... Players may opt to wear a cloth face covering in dugouts, and during play if feasible. As a reminder, cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.
- Limiting the sharing of equipment, the BAA will continue to have 'team equipment' and will be disinfected regularly, but do encourage players to bring their own equipment].



Anyone who is sick or has been in contact with someone who has COVID-19— including players, family members, coaches, volunteers and spectators — should not attend practices or games. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include loss of smell, taste, fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick. If a COVID-19 test is taken and comes back positive, you must inform the BAA so we can take the necessary measures.

If someone does get sick during practice or at a game, transportation must be provided for this person to their home or healthcare facility. If you have a specific question about this plan or COVID-19, please contact info@bridgevilleball.com for more information. You can also find more information about COVID-19 at www.cdc.gov.

We look forward to seeing you. Now, let's play!

Thank you and stay healthy,
Bridgeville Athletic Association (BAA)