



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The top priority of EBSA will always be the safety and well-being of the players. We

EBSA recognizes the importance of returning children to sports and outdoor activities like baseball and softball. We are committed to doing this in a controlled manner that focuses on the safety of our players, coaches, and families. If you do not feel comfortable having your child play organized baseball this season, EBSA respects and supports that decision, and we hope to see your player back in our programs as soon as possible.

If you do choose to play this season, EBSA expects and appreciates your cooperation with our safety protocols, as well as your patience, flexibility, and support during these unprecedented times. Either way, we look forward to seeing you all at the ballpark soon.

Because COVID-19 and associated guidelines continue to evolve, the EBSA guidelines may change and updates over time. In general, we will follow Illinois Department of Public Health and local health department guidance and will defer to those procedures if changes are made over the course of the season.

Section 3

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

The safety of EBSA's players, coaches, families, and community is our top priority. In the unfortunate circumstance a player, coach, umpire or family member is affected with COVID-19, we kindly ask those affected to follow the listed protocols:

- Current guidelines require any team that has been exposed either directly (due to a player/coach/umpire/parent on that team testing positive) or indirectly (due to the team later found that they had direct exposure) to COVID to “quarantine” (postpone all practices 7-10 days from the last exposure). These restrictions do not apply to vaccinated persons or those with a confirmed COVID infection in the last 3 months.

ADDITION: If a team has been “indirectly” exposed, they can choose, after 3 days from the last exposure, to have their players & coaches tested. If ALL tests come back negative and no one is experiencing any COVID related symptoms, that team can notify the league to discontinue quarantine with league approval to resume league play. That team will be required to notify the coaches of the other teams scheduled to play in advance and make them aware of the situation. It will be up to the “non-exposed” team whether they play or not. The notification requirement period will begin from the date they receive league approval to resume play.

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Any confirmed case will not be able to return to baseball or softball activities until cleared by local health department. We also ask you contact either your coach or the Board to assist in contacting and notifying those players or families who may have been exposed.
- Those who have had contact with any confirmed COVID-19 case should stay home and avoid public places.

- Confirmed cases should work with local health department to identify potential and/ or exposed individuals.
- EBSA along with tournament / game organizers may be asked to maintain a list of coaches, players, and employees present at each practice and game along with contact information for contact-tracing purposes. Coaches should carefully keep attendance records for games and practices for this purpose.