**CYB CORONAVIRUS 2021**

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**CYB’S “RETURN TO PLAY” GUIDELINES**

**This is a working document and will be changed as needed.**

Ceres Youth Baseball, (also known as CYB) was incorporated 1979. We are a non-profit organization directed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. In the 40+ years of existence, we have not seen anything like the current Coronavirus pandemic. Our participants, volunteers, officials and parents’ safety and health are at the top of our list of priorities. This pandemic challenges us all to be good teammates, neighbors, friends, and acquaintances. It is paramount that all parents, participants, coaches, board members and volunteers in general, are aware of and follow the CYB guidelines to ensure everyone’s safety during this new normal.

**We have established this set of guidelines with the help from the City of Ceres Recreation Department, City of Ceres Public Works Department and from the CDPH (California Department of Public Health to assist our players, families, and volunteers in returning to this new normal in the safest way possible. We also are providing educational materials, contact information and other pertinent documents to help each of you navigate with us. All guidance is being provided from resources at CDC and CDPH.**

COVID RULES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED

* To play and coach an informed consent wavier must be filled out parent/ Guardian. Form can be found at  [www.ceresyouthbaseball.com](http://www.ceresyouthbaseball.com/)
* Temperature checks will be taken at all park entrances. As per City of Ceres Public Works Department.
* Players must wear Face coverings when not participating in the activity (e.g., in the dugout or unable to socially distance).
* Face coverings to be worn by coaches, support staff and observers at all times, and in compliance with the CDPH [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings_06-18-2020.pdf).
  + 1st warning asks to wear mask.
  + 2nd warning ask person to leave.
  + 3rd warning cancelation of games
  + **Per the City of Ceres Public Works Department and CDPH.**
* Bleachers are off limit, they are for players to help social distance. The grass area along outfield fences is available for seating.
* **Limitations on Observer:** We strongly recommend observation of youth sports (age 18 years and under) **to immediate household members, and for the strict purpose of age-appropriate supervision**.  This includes observation of practice and competition.  We are limiting the number of observers to ensure physical distance can be maintained, reduce potential crowding, and maintain outdoor capacity limits. If siblings must attend, please have them stay with parent.
* Spectators please maintain at least 6 feet from non-household members.
* Mixing with other households prior to and post any practice or competition must strictly adhere to current gathering guidance.

**COACHES/PARTICIPANTS**

* **Coaches and players must fill a symptom and health screening questionnaire before any practice or game,** please send the link to parents before every practice or game <https://forms.gle/bJSvNmUoGDqC9oibA> . **This is per CDPH for youth sports guidelines and City of Ceres Public Works Department**
* Coaches must fill out an attendance form for each practice or competition, put in box at snack bar. Form can be found at  [www.ceresyouthbaseball.com](http://www.ceresyouthbaseball.com/) **This is per CDPH for youth sports guidelines and City of Ceres Public Works Department and Stanislaus County Health Department to assist in contact tracing**
* If anyone test positive for COVID-19 from a physician or has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 they should notify their physician, their coach and the President Chuck Weeks, VP of Baseball Gerardo Hernandez, VP Softball Dima Ferell and appropriate procedures will be taken. Contact info is on [www.ceresyouthbaseball.com](http://www.ceresyouthbaseball.com/)
* No one with symptoms of COVID-19 or who is in isolation or quarantine for COVID-19 is permitted to attend practices or competitions.
* Bleachers will be used as dugouts for players to help in social distance.
* Each person is to bring your personal hand sanitizer, water, face coverings etc.
* Dugouts and bleachers closed for practices.
* Spread players equipment 6’ or more along fence.
* **No shared equipment (bats, gloves, helmets etc...)**
* No spitting or sunflower seeds
* No “high fives”
* No handshakes.
* Frequent use of sanitizers
* **No “huddling” of players and/or “huddling” with coaches.**
* Establish designated areas for players when breaks are given to ensure social distancing **(stagger breaks when in groups)** =
* When equipment is shared during an activity, participants perform hand hygiene (wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer) before play, during breaks, at half time, and after the conclusion of the activity.
  + Balls or other objects or equipment can be touched by multiple players during practice and play if the above hand hygiene practices are followed.
* If batting cages are being used, **Only** 1 player at a time in batting cages with coach **(NO PLAYERS GATHERING OUTSIDE CAGES)**

# AFTER ACTIVITIES ARE FINISH

* Disinfectant spray and towels will be in green base box behind dugouts.
* These steps will help ensure that the next team to use field is “Prepared to Play.”

**REFERENCES AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

Center for Disease Control (CDC) -<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Department Of Public Health (CDPH) -<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/> -

Stanislaus County Health Service Agency<http://schsa.org/publichealth/pages/corona-virus/>