



COVID19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE - CITY OF AVON LAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City of Avon Lake has been working with county and state health officials regarding the COVID19 (Coronavirus). The Governor of Ohio has mandated social distancing and closures during this time. Until the Governor of Ohio releases new directives reducing mandates and after careful consideration and for the safety of our residents, the following precautionary measures are being taken:

Update 5/22/20

Governor DeWine outlined reopening up noncontact sport activities in the state of Ohio. Guidelines were released from the state for reopening noncontact sport programs so we can offer the necessary safety, capacity and social distancing protocols required.

Avon Lake Recreation baseball and softball leagues will be offered starting with Minors leagues and above. The six week season will tentatively start the week of June 15th PROVIDED WE HAVE SUFFICIENT PARTICIPANTS. There will be no playoffs or All-Star games this season. Rally Cap and Coach Pitch leagues will not be offered this summer due to the COVID-19 guidelines and the inability to provide safe proper instruction to those children while following social distancing.

Below are a few key details regarding baseball and softball mandates and recommendations that are required for your son or daughter to participate in Minor's, Major's Baseball & Softball, Jr & Sr. Thurman boys Baseball and Sr. Girls Softball in the Avon Lake program this summer. Travel baseball and softball playing on Avon Lake fields are required to follow the State of Ohio's guidelines and also the City's regulations at the facilities.

- **PRIOR TO ARRIVAL FOR GAMES** - All participants (coaches and players) should self-assess prior to traveling to game venue (i.e. temperature, evidence of symptoms). All players will be required to have a COVID-19 waiver signed by a parent/guardian prior to play.

- **FACE COVERINGS** – It is recommended that coaches wear at all times; it is recommended players should wear while not actively participating on the field.
- **WATER** - Players must use their own individual water container.
- **PLAYING EQUIPMENT** - Players must use only their own equipment – glove, bat, helmet, etc.; shared equipment i.e. catching equipment is discouraged, but if shared, must be wiped down with disinfectant following each use.
- **NO TOUCH RULE** – no high fives, postgame handshakes, etc.
- **NO SEEDS, GUM OR OTHER ITEMS MAY BE CHEWED OR SPIT.**
- **SPECTATORS** - must should maintain social distancing, encouraged to wear a face covering and use sanitizer during the games. (Refer to Restart Ohio guidelines.)
- **SPORTSMANSHIP** – There will be a zero tolerance policy for players, coaches and spectators during the program.

For more detailed information, please see our coach's guide under the announcement section of our home web page www.avonlakerec.com.

For the State mandated guidelines please go to:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Baseball-Softball.pdf>

The City of Avon Lake will continually monitor the most current updates and information on the Coronavirus which is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and the Board of Health which could result in change to the currently tentative re-open date of our facilities, programs and activities.

Our goal by taking this course of action is to limit the opportunity for exposure as well as maintaining a safe, healthy place for our participants, residents and staff.

Information regarding the Coronavirus can be found at:

Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

Lorain County Public Health: <https://www.loraincountyhealth.com/coronavirus>

We will be accepting wait list registration through 11:59 PM Monday 5/25/20. If you are interested in a refund, email alrec@avonlake.org.