

## Centralia Little League

### COVID-19 Notification Policy and FAQ

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Parents, Players, Spectators, and all Volunteers: Please if you are sick, or show any symptoms of potential COVID-19, we request you please stay home from our events and do not attend. We also ask that you abide by all requests to space out and social distance, as well as wear masks when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Centralia Little League continues to work with the Lewis County Health Department regarding any impacts that an individual player, volunteer, coach, or parent has with our league. Centralia Little League is not a primary source in any investigations as to how an infected person has been in contact with others, however we are a resource that the Lewis County Health Department can use.

The Health department is the sole group to investigate and those investigators will talk to individuals, and identify who THEY need to talk with to track down who may have been infected. As that process happens, we would like you to consider notifying us to any instances of infected people (names not required) so we can also take appropriate actions, but will work thoroughly with the Health Dept. on an individual case by case basis.

Every case will be evaluated individually to identify how and whom it impacts within our league. Again, in collaboration with the Health Department, not on our own. To ensure partial truths, rumors, or other unknown facts, we will not provide information or details until we are told how to prioritize the impacts properly.

Centralia Little League will comply with and go above and beyond any expectations that the health department has for us in guidance; as our player safety is of the utmost importance.

Centralia Little League is NOT required to inform people of whom may have become infected or whom has been in potential contact with someone. This is not our responsibility nor do we feel we have the right to name specific individuals. The Department of Health has the primary lead in all investigations of anyone infected, and will do all contact tracing, investigations, and informing those they feel important. It is not, and will not be CLL's goal to publicly announce sick individuals, do not expect us to do so.

However, we will *absolutely* cancel all games, practices, and league events where an individual or team may be at risk. This will be done both during and after a local Health Department investigation. Depending on suggestions by the health department and we are aware of a scenario: *We will postpone all activities for either an individual, a team, a division, a field, or the league as a whole.*

There has been an increasing number of COVID-19 cases in our local community, and this has affected some youth. If anybody is concerned about the safety of yourself, your players, or others and feel the need to stop participating, we fully understand and will do whatever we can to support you. Please take this opportunity to question yourself as to what your priorities are.

**Additional Information:**

The Department of Health reviews individuals on a case by case basis. How they are determined to be contagious is as follows:

Whenever an individual has symptoms, the health department, goes back two days prior to view an individual (case) who might be contagious. If an individual is asymptomatic, the two days starts at the time of testing.

The Health Department will interview each individual. They ask all the pertinent questions and will proceed through the process, including calling a coach of a team to identify times and individuals that may be affected. Our board will not be contacted immediately. Its possible many people might even find out prior to us if people spread rumors. Keep this in mind as we progress through this process.

An individual who has been in contact with a known case will be told by the Health Department, and depending on the timeframe of infection, possible quarantine by them will be suggested or required. However, an individual is NOT considered contagious at that time if they happen to be around someone who has tested positive. So if a person attends games, and finds out 3 days later that they may have been around someone who was contagious, our participants would not be considered "at risk" at that time. The health department does not look at a "2-degree of separation" when identifying people who should quarantine.

If you or a player have tested positive, please consider letting our board know so that we can take action; however we will also be considerate of a person's privacy requests and not share immediate details, just that "individuals" might be infected or with known contact of a potentially sick person.

Above all, please be smart, be safe, and obey the rules with social distancing and mask wearing. If you or a player show any symptoms at all, please stay away from our events. No excuses or reasons are necessary!

If anybody is not comfortable with the outlined guidelines that our league is working through, please stop participation immediately so that you and your concerned ones stay safe and are not in any potential groups or public outings. We completely understand that this affects different families and individuals differently. We are also available to listen to any other suggestions or thoughts others have as to how we can improve our systems.