



BROWARD CHALLENGER BASEBALL COVID PROTOCOLS

(All protocols have been made with consideration given to the latest guidance from the CDC, the Florida Department of Health, and Broward County)

As used throughout these protocols, the phrase “IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD” includes all members that reside/live in the home with a child participant in the league and necessarily includes the household of a child’s other parent if there is any type of shared or joint custody arrangement. It shall also include anyone charged with bringing and/or staying with a child participant at the fields during games.

1. Anyone that is, or may be at an increased risk category as it relates to COVID-19 *SHOULD NOT* attend any games, or be present at the fields during Challenger Baseball activities. If you have questions regarding what constitutes an increased risk category please see CDC, Florida Department of Health, and Broward County guidance on this topic and consult with your physician.
2. All coaches, team mom’s and volunteers, shall wear masks. Masks are required to cover mouth *AND* nose *AT ALL TIMES*.
3. Players shall wear a face coverings while in the dugout and are encouraged to wear face coverings while on the field and outside of the dugout. Understandably, each child is different, and each child has a different comfort and tolerance level with masks and face coverings, however Challenger encourages each child wear a mask or face covering to the greatest extent possible at all Challenger Baseball activities.
4. We encourage the use of individual lawn chairs and social distancing since some bleachers may be closed. Spectators are required to wear a mask covering their mouth *AND* nose or practice social distancing. Any non participating people that are attending games *MUST* stay in the area designated for fans.
5. During games all players, coaches, volunteers and spectators are encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize frequently. Players will be provided a small bottle of hand sanitizer to bring to each game and coaches will be given bottle of hand sanitizer for their team at the start of the season. Coaches will be provided a bottle of sanitizing spray for the equipment and the dugout. Players and coaches should also thoroughly wash their hands at home with soap and water immediately before and after games. Additionally, everyone should avoid touching their face during games.
6. If a player *OR* anyone in their Immediate Household feels ill, or are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms *DO NOT COME TO THE FIELD* and immediately notify your coach (who in turn is required to notify the league). The league reserves the right to ask

any Challenger participant and Immediate Household members to leave the fields if any COVID-like symptoms are made known.

For a list of COVID-like symptoms, please see:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

7. If a player on a team, or a member of their Immediate Household takes a COVID test and are waiting on the results then no one from that Immediate Household, including the player, may attend any league activities until they receive the results of the COVID test. If the test results are positive please follow the applicable protocol below.
8. If a player or Immediate Household member on a team tests positive for COVID, or that family has had direct or close contact with someone that recently tested positive for COVID (friend, co-worker, neighbor, etc...), that family *MUST* immediately notify their coach (who in turn is required to notify the league). It may be necessary for that player, everyone in the player's Immediate Household *AND* that player's *ENTIRE* team (including coaches) may *NOT* attend any league activities until: (1) two full weeks has passed since they discovered the positive test results *AND* (2) the player that tested positive has obtained a negative test result, there has been a resolution of any fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms have resolved (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).
9. Each team should use *THEIR OWN* equipment for games.
10. At the end of each game the teams will line up *outside of their respective dugouts* and display good sportsmanship by honoring the other team (teams can be creative and come up with their own gesture as long as it does not require physical contact). There will be no high five line after games this season.
11. Players should bring their own beverage for hydration.
12. Parents, please remind players that safety dictates anyone sneezing or coughing do so in their elbow or a tissue and not into the air or into their hands. Immediately after sneezing or coughing the player/coach should go use hand sanitizer.

COMMUNICATION IS GOING TO BE KEY FOR THIS SEASON. WE ASK THAT YOU OVER-COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S COACH AND WITH THE LEAGUE. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, FEEL SOMETHING, OR JUST DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE ABOUT SOMETHING PLEASE INFORM YOUR CHILD'S COACH OR CONTACT THE LEAGUE. THIS WORKS IF WE ACT TOGETHER AND PUT OTHERS FIRST!