



City of Newport News

Field Rental Safety Guidelines & Procedures

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This document will be updated as more information becomes available. While using city facilities, please make sure that you exercise social distancing and practice safe health measures by washing your hands and wearing a face covering. We ask that for your cooperation and adhere to the guidelines below for your safety as well as others!

The State of Virginia Executive Order 65 signed by Governor Northam requires that the total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy (if applicable) or 50 persons.

*All field rental organizations acknowledge the COVID-19 risk and pledge their responsibility to adhere to the guidelines that are provided by the State of Virginia and the City of Newport News.

* All field rental organizations must maintain current COVID-19 waivers of liability for each player/participants within the organization.

*Prior to taking the field for each practice, the organization will be responsible for conducting a well-check survey based on the recommended CDC guidelines.

If a participant or member has any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours, we ask that the participant/member remains home until the symptoms have passed or a licensed physician has provided clearance. The symptoms include:

- Fever. The CDC constitutes a temperature reading 100.4 or higher as a fever. The participant/member must be fever free for 24 hours without medicine prior to returning to practice or play.
- Moderate to Severe Coughing
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Nausea/Vomiting

If a participant or a member has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, awaiting test results, or is presume to be positive for COVID-19, that participant or member may not return to practice or play for 14 days from last contact. The organization will be responsible for keeping a log and communicating within the organization as well as to the City of Newport News representative handling field rentals.

*While using city facilities, all coaches, members, or participants not actively participating in the sport are required to wear a face covering at all times unless a medical condition is pertinent. Coaches should also wear face coverings when in close contact with players.

*During Phase 2 of the Virginia Moving Forward Plan, organizations using city facilities are to be aware of and adhere to the following guidelines:

- All field rentals during Phase 2 will consist of **practices only**. 1 team per field. Groups not to exceed 50 and social distancing guidelines are effect. No games or scrimmages permitted during Phase 2
- Adhere to all appropriate signage provided to the organization and posted on site. Please keep in mind that if new information becomes available, it will be shared and posted as soon as possible.
- All dugouts and bleachers or common seating areas will be closed and unavailable for use. Spectators will be required to bring their own seating arrangements provided that the required social distancing measures are being utilized. It is recommended that spectators be limited to one per participant.
- All shared storage rooms or equipment between organizations must be sanitized and cleaned between usage.
- Participants are strongly recommended to use their own equipment as much as possible and we ask that the equipment is sanitized in between practices. Be mindful that shared equipment, such as a ball, potentially carries a risk of exposure.
- No water coolers/communal drink containers will be permitted. All players or members will be required to provide their own water/sports drink.