



Town of Erie

2021 Guidelines for Returning to Adult Softball during COVID 19

Guidelines based off of the current Colorado State guidelines for Personal Recreation and Team Sports. Please note, state guidelines may be changed during the course of the season.

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/organized-sports>

There is an inherent risk when participating in any adult sports activity. The Town of Erie Sports Department has created these specific guidelines below in order to best mitigate risk in controllable situations.

Overview:

1. All players are asked to self-screen for a temperature of 100.4 or higher. If temperature exceeds 100.4, player is not allowed to participate until temperature falls below 100.4.
2. If any staff member, player or spectator are experiencing any signs of illness, they cannot participate, come to the field and/or must leave the field if they become ill.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
3. All participants should wash hands prior to attending games. Players will be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer when possible and use between play.
4. If at any time Erie P&R feels conditions become unsafe for their players, coaches, umpires, sports staff, and/or families, we will end the summer season and look to issue prorated refunds.
5. Please read and adhere to all signage placed at Ball Park at Erie.

Sanitizing/Masks:

1. All participants and spectators are expected to wear masks at all times. Any person(s) not wearing a mask must be socially distanced by at least 6' from anyone outside of their household.
 - a. Exception – Players actively participating
2. Players do not need to wear masks while actively participating, but may wear one if they prefer to do so.
3. All fans and participants are required to wear masks while entering the park, within 6' of others outside of their household, and while exiting the park.
4. All participants should avoid touching their faces and should use hand sanitizer after touching faces or shared surfaces.
5. During games players are asked to sanitize hands frequently.
6. The Town of Erie will provide hand sanitizer stations on site for game days.
7. Staff will regularly sanitize frequently touched areas around BPE and in the bathrooms.
8. Team coolers are not allowed. Each player should have their own bottle for water/sports drinks/etc.
9. No sharing of food or drinks between individuals except for emergency situations.
10. No spitting of sunflower seeds, gum, or other similar products.
11. Only two at a time in the restroom and practice social distancing when in the line. Bathrooms are to be used at one's own risk.
12. There will be a gap between games allowing dugouts and high touch areas to be addressed.
13. All teams must leave the facility immediately following their games.

Social Distancing:

1. Players, staff and spectators should keep a minimum of 6 feet distance from each other. This includes entering field complexes, warming-up, watching games, and leaving field complexes.
2. Spectators are discouraged for adult sports; Bleachers and playgrounds will not be regularly sanitized. All spectators are encouraged to bring their own seating.
3. Players are asked to arrive no earlier than **10 minutes** before their game time. Please allow everyone from previous game to leave the area before setting up/warming up.
4. Teams are asked to leave the facility immediately following their game.
5. Players must remain 6' apart in the dugout at all times.
6. While hitting, batters should enter through the field gate in their batting order. Up to 3 players in the dugout at a time at 6'. Additional players should line up outside of the field gate while maintaining social distance.
7. While fielding, any players that remain in the dugout must maintain 6' distancing (max 3 players).
8. Dugouts will be sanitized between games.

Game Safety:

1. All activities will follow the maximum limit of players based on current state guidance (currently 25 players), not including coaches, sports staff, spectators, and other adults.
2. Players will need to enter through their designated dugout
 - a. Home team 3rd base, away team 1st base
3. Umpires will stand 6' behind plate during at bats.
4. Staff will sanitize softballs between each game and as needed during games
5. Players are highly encouraged to bring their own equipment. If sharing of equipment is necessary equipment must be sanitized by players before sharing.
6. Players should not touch each other outside of game play; No high fives, fist bumps or handshakes, etc.
7. 55 minute game length, no extra innings as games can end in a tie.
8. Captain meetings prior to game will be conducted from 6' away and masks are strongly encouraged.
9. While the concession stand is closed, no alcohol is permitted.