



Town of Erie

2021 Guidelines for Returning to Softball during COVID 19

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

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

Overview:

1. If any staff member, player or family members of a player 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>
2. All staff members, participants and spectators must screen for Covid-19 symptoms prior to entering the Ballpark at Erie.
3. 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 spring sessions and look to issue prorated refunds.
4. Please read and adhere to all signage placed at softball facilities.

Social Distancing:

1. Only one parent/guardian per participant may attend youth softball skills sessions hosted at the Ballpark at Erie.
2. Players, staff and spectators must keep a minimum of 6 feet distance from each other. This includes entering field complexes, warming-up, during skills sessions and leaving field complexes.
3. 6' social distancing is required amongst all spectators. Bleachers will not be regularly sanitized and spectators are encouraged to bring their own seating.
4. Carpooling players from a different household is highly discouraged.
5. Participants and families are asked to arrive no earlier than **5 minutes** before session start time. Please allow everyone from previous session to leave the area before setting up.
6. Staff is asked to creatively work with players while maintaining social distancing.

Sanitizing/Masks:

1. All staff members, 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 are encouraged to do so if they prefer.
3. All participants should avoid touching their faces and should use hand sanitizer after touching faces or shared surfaces.

4. During skills sessions, staff are encouraged to use hand sanitizer for all staff/players before and after sessions, and throughout each session as needed.
5. Staff will provide sanitized equipment prior to each skills session, along with sanitizing bathrooms and frequently touched areas regularly.
6. Each player should have their own bottle for water/sports drinks/etc.
7. No sharing of food or drinks between individuals except for emergency situations, and any snacks provided to the team should be prepackaged. No spitting of sunflower seeds, gum, or other similar products.
8. 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.

Skill Session Safety:

1. All activities will follow the maximum limit of players based on current state guidance (currently 25 players), not including sports staff or spectators.
2. Dugouts will be unavailable for skills sessions. Players will need to enter through 3rd base side gates and are asked to set up their belongings 6' apart down the 1st base side of each field.
3. Staff will be cleaning equipment and high touch points throughout camp sessions.
4. If sharing is necessary (ex. catcher's gear) equipment must be sanitized before sharing.
5. Players should not touch each other outside of game play; No high fives, fist bumps or handshakes, etc.
6. Families are encouraged to help the staff with sanitizing the hands of the participants as needed.
7. Each player will need to provide and use their own glove.

Equipment provided by Town of Erie:

Camp equipment – Helmets, Bats, Softballs and Catcher's Gear.