



Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency



To: CRPA Facility Users

Subject: Notice of New CRPA Facility Users Mandatory Health & Safety Procedures

With the news of the increasing spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we wanted to inform you that we are taking this situation very seriously. Our hearts go out to those impacted by COVID-19, and we understand the critical importance of protecting those most susceptible to the virus. The safety and well-being of the citizens of Cherokee County continues to be the top priority for Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency.

We encourage all those that are actively participating in Cherokee County facilities for various activities – including players, coaches, umpires, staff/volunteers, families, and fans – to follow the best practices [as outlined by the CDC](#). Throughout all CRPA facilities, we are adopting these new measures effective immediately. We cannot stress enough how vital it is that all users participate to these guidelines.

“No-Contact / No-Handshake” Policy

Effective immediately CRPA is instituting a precautionary “no-contact, no-handshake policy” to be observed at all CRPA Facilities until further notice. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, such as pre-game coaches’ handshakes, umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, staff, players and coaches should use verbal queues, such as saying “good game,” without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist-bumping.

Maintain Good Hygiene Practices

All CRPA employees, youth associations and any other participants in CRPA Facilities should be aware of the coronavirus risk and take the necessary precautions to avoid exposure to germs. This includes maintaining good hygiene practices. We strongly recommend the following:

- Wash your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; this is suggested after any physical contact with another person or with a shared surface
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your mouth and nose – with a tissue, if possible – when coughing or sneezing, then properly discard the tissue in the trash
- Avoid close contact with anyone else who is coughing or sneezing or who is otherwise sick
- Clean or disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

We will provide updates related to these new measures or let you know about any additional precautions to take if and when they become necessary. We appreciate your cooperation in following these new procedures as we work together to maintain the highest health and safety standards as an agency.

Thank You,

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