

COVID-19 PVGS Updates

I hope this note finds you and your family safe and healthy. Like you, our Softball players are staying home, following guidance issued from health experts and government officials, and helping to flatten the curve. To ensure we can get back on the softball field I have been watching the Santa Cruz County Health Dept's updates.

Our county has turned to reopening our community a little at a time. With this said PVGS has come up with guidelines to follow in order to get back on the field.

PVGS hopes this will change as we move forward into summer. We can adjust as we go, but to start we will need to follow this layout with NO EXCEPTIONS to begin.

It is your choice as a parent to allow your daughter back on the field, with this pandemic still in our area. Please read over the rules below, which must be followed to allow this to happen.

PVGS is looking at starting up in mid-June, and we will run this camp program for 5 weeks into July. It will be somewhat the same as at the beginning of the season. We hope to move toward a tournament, with sufficient parent interest, but that will depend on our Health Dept. of SC.

PVGS is looking for a response from you, to see who would like to participate. Please scan and email back to pvsftbl@pacbell.net your answer, concern or questions. DEADLINE is MAY 31st. We can only have 12 players on each field and may need to reset the teams if needed.

PLAYER NAME _____ AGE _____

YES _____ If continuing the players will receive shirts and pictures.

NO (with or without comment) _____

If NO, options:

PVGS would like to ask to hold your softball fee until next year to be applied _____

Refund with an admin fee deducted of \$30.00 single player, or \$55.00 for family. _____
(Half of this deduction can be used for a discount if you register in 2021 season)

Read all the following rules to continue to keep everyone as safe as we can to this program. Hope to see you but if not PVGS does understand with this crazy world going on. There is always next year.

We are awaiting approval for the softball fields but would appreciate a response on this poll so we know what the softball player count would be and your concerns to go forward.

Thank you
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SEE BELOW.....This is a partial piece from a letter from County of Santa Cruz

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County of Santa Cruz

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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE SHELTERING AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE; AND PROVIDING MODIFICATIONS TO THE PRIOR ORDER CONCERNING BEACH, LODGING, AND BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor

This Order extends and modifies the March 31, 2020 Order of the Health Officer directing all individuals to shelter in place ("Prior Shelter Order"). This Order is necessary to further slow transmission of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"). This Order **shall become effective at 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020** and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer. All individuals, businesses and government agencies in the County of Santa Cruz ("County") are required to follow the provisions of this Order. This Order applies to all individuals present in the County of Santa Cruz, regardless of whether they reside in the County. Individuals who reside outside the County but are physically present within the County shall comply with this Order in all respects, regardless of the purpose of their presence. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter, or continuing sheltering in place, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible, and to the maximum extent practicable (and to use Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).

With respect to section 12.f.xxvii (childcare facilities) the language contained in the former order is modified as follows: Childcare establishments, **summer camps**, and other educational or **recreational institutions** or programs providing care or supervision for children of all ages that enable owners, employees, volunteers, and contractors for Essential Businesses, Essential Governmental Functions, or Minimum Basic Operations to work as allowed under this Order. To the extent possible, these operations must comply with the following conditions:

- i. They must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer children ("stable" means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
- ii. Children shall not change from one group to another.
- iii. If more than one group of children is at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
- iv. Providers or educators shall remain solely with one group of children.

The Health Officer will carefully monitor the changing public health situation as well as any changes to the State Shelter Order. In the event that the State relaxes restrictions on childcare and related institutions and programs, the Health Officer will consider whether to similarly relax the restrictions imposed by this Order.

PVGS SOFTBALL CAMP RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Social Contact before, during and after games:

1. There will be a “no-contact, no handshake policy” to be observed at all levels of camp until further notice. This includes all physical contact, and extends to customary game-related activities; verbal communications such as “good game” should be sufficient.
2. Players will be expected to maintain social distancing before and after camp when possible.
3. Only a stable group of 12 players on a team will be allowed for the time/length of the camp.
4. Players can not change from one group to another. NO EXCEPTIONS
5. Manager/Providers shall remain solely with one group of players. NO EXCEPTIONS
6. Parents/Spectators will be required to maintain social distancing, and wear masks during the camp at any time near the bleachers and/or near the field. If you do not wear a mask you will be asked to leave. If the parent/spectator does not leave, the coach will close down the camp for the day.
7. We will have signs hanging around the fields to make people/parents aware of wearing their masks when close to the field.

Dugout:

1. NO DUGOUT USE. Coaches will be required to separate, and must use outside/inside of the field fences to maintain space. (This is one place where it will be a challenge.) Players can also learn to be one arm length away from each other.
2. The team leaving the dugout/field will need to police the dugout/field, and get rid of open trash, especially drinking containers.

Managers Meetings:

1. Until it is safe to gather in groups of more than 12 players, all information pertaining to the camp will be sent to the managers by phone call, email, and posted to the PVGS website.
2. Manager/team helpers can not change areas or players or equipment. Once you have your team there is NO change or exchange. If a player does not like the camp they will need to leave the team. This is another safety precaution, and can not be changed in any way.

The Camp:

1. Staff must wear either masks or face shields. These will be worn during the camp play to protect multiple contact with and other managers and players.
2. We encourage players to wear masks.
3. Coaches will be provided with spray disinfectant and rags to wipe down the softball several times during camp.
4. It is recommended that a designated person (bat-person) be assigned by the Coach, to be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used. This person should wear gloves and wipe down the bats after each use.

5. No water jugs will be allowed in the dugout/field. Players will need to supply their own individual water. DO NOT share your drinks or equipment.

Player:

1. Each player should have their own glove, helmet, cleats, bats (recommended), so that there will be no exchange of player equipment.
2. Softball to be wiped down during camp time.
3. Before and After camp time, Coach/Director will have the player wash/sanitize their hands before entering and leaving the area.
4. You may carry your own disinfectant for your hands if you would like. (recommended)

Parents:

1. Everyone will maintain social distancing (6ft) and wear masks. Anytime within two feet of the field or players.
2. If a parent does not maintain social distance, and wear a masks or shield, they will be asked to leave the area. If they do not, the Coach will close down the camp for the day. The police will be called.
3. If you drop off your player, be ready to pick them up at the scheduled time.
4. Have your child wash their hands when you /they get home.