



Organized Sports “Return to Play” Recommendations

After recent discussions with The Lincoln County Health Department, the Merrill Parks & Recreation Department is happy to inform you that, effective immediately, we will begin to allow athletic field usage (for practice and single game format only), utilizing the following recommendations. (***As well as LCHD Recommendation #1 and CDC Guidelines**)

***This applies to all organized sports, their coaches, players, volunteers, parents, families**

*Everyone in attendance, whether on or off the field, must stay at least six feet away from each other at all times, except for players on the field when the ball is in play.

*Face coverings are recommended, as is frequent hand sanitizing and sanitizing all equipment frequently between usages.

***Groups of no more than 50 people total** *recommend utilizing only every other field at Lion’s Park and the MARC Complexes (includes participants, spectators, and coaches)

*All equipment, including bats, gloves, balls, water bottles, helmets, protective gear, should be used only by their owner and kept separate from others’ gear at all times.

*No concessions or restrooms available, please plan accordingly.

*Dugouts, player’s benches will not be utilized and players are encouraged to spread out along perimeter.

*Water coolers and shared drinking stations are not allowed, nor is spitting or eating sunflower seeds, gum, and similar products.

*Participants must refrain from high-fives, handshakes, and any other physical contact with all others.

