



# DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.

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## COVID-19 Coronavirus Update

While every community is affected differently by the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, Dixie Youth Baseball believes it is in the best interest our DYB league volunteers and participants to postpone regular season play including all league activities that involve the gathering of individuals for games and/or practices to resume no earlier than April 4, 2020.

The deadline for franchise renewals will be extended until May 1, 2020. As information becomes available, DYB will provide timely information and notification regarding any extension of the delay in regular season play and activities. At this time, there is no decision regarding delaying the district and state tournaments and the Dixie Youth World Series.

DYB will modify our regulations regarding tournament team eligibility for the 2020 season as necessary. We encourage any league that chooses to not delay their season to consult with their local government, school boards and health departments before making a final decision.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced that more cases of COVID-19 are likely to be identified in the United States in the coming days, including more instances of community spread. It's likely that at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur. Widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time. Schools, childcare centers, recreation facilities and workplaces, may experience more absenteeism and/or closures. Mass gatherings may be sparsely attended or postponed.

Public health and healthcare systems may become overloaded, with elevated rates of hospitalizations and deaths. Other critical infrastructure, such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, and sectors of the transportation industry may also be affected. The federal government is working closely with state and local authorities, as well as public health partners, to respond to this public health threat. At this time, there is no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat it.

Everyone can do their part to help respond to this emerging public health threat. Individuals and communities should familiarize themselves with recommendations to protect themselves and their communities from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like COVID-19. Older people and people with severe chronic conditions should take special precautions because they are at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness.

**This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. The CDC will provide updated information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance. Dixie Youth Baseball strongly encourages all officials and affiliates to stay in contact with their local government, health department and healthcare providers for any future developments that may affect your community.**

Dixie Youth Baseball will continue to monitor this situation. We advise all of our leagues to follow the guidelines of the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), your state's public health department, and other county and/or local authorities including any precedents set by your school districts and governmental agencies.