

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am contacting you on behalf of Fort Bragg Little League, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) dedicated to provide baseball to youth on Mendocino coast in the Fort Bragg and Mendocino School districts. We have over 200 children enrolled in our league this year, and before the Covid shutdown, we had already formed teams, ordered uniforms, prepared fields, and started practices.

Since the BOS announced that mitigation plans would need to be put in place for businesses and organizations to resume operations once the SIP order is lifted, we are seeking guidance on what this plan should include. We realize that schools and summer camps for children are being prioritized based on the community benefit they provide. Due to the delay in our regular season that usually ends at about the same time as the Fort Bragg School year, we are looking at a summer season that would start when SIP is lifted and likely go through June or July.

As a sport baseball does not include as much physical contact as other team sports like football and basketball. It is also only played outside. We feel we could implement additional social distancing and hygiene protocols to mitigate community spread of Covid as best as possible. We would like guidance on what BOS and County Health Director are looking for from summer programs in terms of mitigation plans and specific criteria that must be met. Any assistance you can provide us would be greatly appreciated so we can start formulating our plan and getting it approved for when SIP is lifted.

Best Regards,

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