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To: Atlantic Beach Athletic Association (ABAA) parents and other interested residents and visitors
From: Kevin Hogencamp, Deputy City Manager

On Thursday, Sept. 24 the parents of a child who participates in the Under 6 youth baseball program informed the ABAA that the child has tested positive for COVID-19, but displays no symptoms. On Wednesday, Sept. 23, the child participated in a game on Field C, the small field in the back (south) section of the park. It was the next morning that the test results were made available. Upon receiving this information, the league suspended U6 activities at Russell Park for at least 14 days. We appreciate this proactive action on the league's part.

Also on Thursday, Sept. 24, a 12-year-old resident of Atlantic Beach's Royal Palms neighborhood passed away due to complications from COVID-19. She participated in a middle school virtual learning program and her family is not involved in the ABAA program.

The City and ABAA are taking extra sanitation measures at the Russell Park baseball fields, and are in regular communication about these and other matters. The situation is being continually monitored with the safety of the children, parents and other park visitors being Priority No. 1.

As the public health emergency continues, we encourage ABAA's leadership, coaches and volunteers to undertake the following safety measures.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces between all facility uses, including practices and games. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, facility equipment, dugouts, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Players/families/spectators are encouraged to practice Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recommended safety measures.
- Spectators should bring their own seating or portable chairs when possible.
- A spectator with any of the following conditions should not attend a practice or game until evaluated by a medical provider and given clearance to do so.
 - Active COVID-19 infection
 - Known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Those at higher risk for severe disease should consider consultation with their medical provider before attending a game and should ensure the strictest adherence to guidelines regarding face coverings, distancing, and handwashing.

As the season progresses and if the public health emergency proceeds, it may be necessary for the City and/or ABAA to take additional safety measures. Six months-plus into the pandemic, the situation remains fluid. We appreciate ABAA for enabling us to communicate directly to you, and welcome you to contact me or any other City official to share any information, perspective or concerns you have. I can be reached at khogencamp@coab.us or (904) 247-5804.