

# RETURN TO COMPETITION: COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

## KEYSTONE LL COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY (RTP) GUIDELINES

In these unprecedented times, we recognize the importance of our role in establishing new operational procedures for the re-opening of athletic fields that will benefit the health and wellbeing of all our users. Keystone Little League is bound by a Facility Use Agreement with Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department and is required to follow the below rules and recommendations in addition to current CDC guidelines.

Keystone Little League Plan and responses are in bold for your review:

### CLEANING/DISINFECTION

- Limit use of shared equipment. Encourage all players to bring their own equipment.  
**Most participants have their own equipment. (Glove, batting helmet, bat, etc.) Parents will be instructed to not share equipment.**
- Any shared equipment is to be sanitized between uses with EPA registered disinfectant suitable against COVID-19. Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep products away from children.  
**Keystone will provide disinfectant for use on shared equipment.**
- Each team must have FDA approved hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol for coaches and participants.  
**We will provide each team with hand sanitizer. At minimum, all participants will be required to use the hand sanitizer upon arrival to practices or games as well as at the end of each practice and game.**
- Use best efforts to avoid restroom crowding.  
**Keystone Little League will post signage asking people to limit bathroom usage to no more than two people at one time.**
- Clean, sanitize, and disinfect common high-touch surfaces such as equipment, shared objects, door handles, sink handles, restrooms.  
**Common touch surfaces at Keystone LL are primarily located in the restrooms. We do not have any playground equipment, basketball courts, etc. Common touch surfaces will be cleaned, sanitized and disinfected between sessions.**

### FIELD/FACILITY – ENTRY/EXIT

- It is recommended for temperature/COVID-19 screening to be conducted at arrival.  
**KLL will have volunteers or paid contractors to provide temperature checks via touchless scan for all participants in KLL activity at all paved entry points to the fields.**
- A site-specific entry/exit and drop off/pickup plan which promotes social distancing shall be included in all plans.  
**Please see attached map**
- Must keep roster/attendance for 120 days for all scheduled activities to assist with contact tracing, if necessary.  
**Manager or coach will take attendance at each practice or game and email the roster to their respective Player agents within 12 hours. The Player Agents will store the attendance records until deemed no longer necessary.**
- Staggered competition/scrimmage times shall be implemented to ensure two teams per field. No early arrivals/late departures. All competition/scrimmages will be time limited.  
**At a minimum there will be 15 minutes between practices and games to limit interaction with next participant and allow for any cleaning of common surface areas.**
- All fields must be locked/secured after final game of the day except for the designated public use field.  
**All fields will be locked at 9:00pm. We will have a manager, coach, or board member walk the facility each day.**
- Signage shall be posted promoting safe hygiene, social distancing, social distancing markers, hygiene etiquette etc.

**Keystone LL will post signage throughout the park promoting social distancing and practicing safe hygiene etiquette.**

- Program hours are from sunrise to 9 p.m. until further notice.  
**Keystone will close park at 9pm each night.**

## **RETURN TO COMPETITION PROTOCOLS**

- Leagues/Teams must submit a schedule to Hillsborough County for approval. Fields may not all be in use at the same time if they are in close distance to one another. Schedules will allow for greater time gaps between games to help limit the number of people at the park at one time.  
**See attached schedule**
- It is suggested that all participants, parents, volunteer, and board members must sign a participation waiver prior to entering the facility. All league/team members shall receive a copy of the league plan/protocols.  
**All participants, parents, volunteers, and players must sign a waiver prior to participating or entering the facility specifically acknowledging the risk associated with COVID-19.**
- Continue the use of virtual and online registration and use of conference calls or other remote platforms for any group or parent meetings.  
**Registration for Fall season is only held online. Teams will be encouraged to hold parent meetings virtually when possible.**
- No on field presentations, awards, or photos. Use of virtual award ceremonies is recommended.  
**There will be no presentation, awards or photos will be held during the fall season.**
- All persons entering the facility shall have with them on their person a facial covering/mask or face shield upon entry:
  - This requirement applies to coaches, players, spectators, umpires, and all others. Exceptions apply to those with a medical condition and those under 5 years of age.
  - Facial covering/masks shall be worn whenever social distancing of 6' cannot be maintained and when circulating to areas where interactions, intended or unintended, are likely, such as entering/exiting the facility, restrooms, walking through assembly areas, concessions, or other queuing areas.
  - Coaching Staff & Umpires shall wear face coverings while on the field of play.  
**Keystone LL will require all coaches and umpires to wear face coverings while on the field of play.**
  - Face coverings will be worn in dugouts.  
**Keystone will require all coaches and players to wear face coverings while in dugouts.**
  - Team huddles must allow for safe distancing.
  - No handshaking/celebrations: Players and coaches should refrain from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc.
  - Each individual shall bring their own snacks, beverages, water bottles for personal consumption. No group water or Gatorade buckets shall be used. The use of candy, chewing gum and/or sunflower seeds is not permitted by players, coaches, umpires.
- Safety plans shall include:
  - Adequate social distance provisions for inclement weather (i.e. lightning – return to cars, etc.).  
**In the event games or practices are delayed due to weather all participants, coaches, and family members will be instructed to return to vehicles and not seek shelter under the pavilion or dugouts.**
  - Injuries/911 call procedures.  
**See attached ASAP plan**

- A response/disinfection plan for an individual at the facility who is ill with symptoms of COVID-19. This shall include notification of health officials and the HCPRD Athletics Office.

**KLL will act in accordance with the CDC guidelines. Any athlete with positive test must remain quarantined for 10 days and only allowed to return after being symptom free. The team on which the infected player is on will not participate in group activity for 7 days. All team parents will be informed of the positive test and will be required to let KLL know of any symptoms at which point they will be instructed not to return until they are symptom free. KLL will notify the local health officials of any positive test of a KLL participant along with the team contact information of said individual.**

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS/FANS/SPECTATORS**

- Wear a face covering/mask whenever social distancing of 6' cannot be maintained particularly when moving or circulating to the restrooms etc.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to remain in vehicles or drop off children when possible. If choosing to watch, limiting one parent/guardian per child is encouraged as well as keeping family group sizes to 9 or less.
- If a parent/guardian(s) chooses to watch, he/she must:
  - Stay off the field/sideline.
  - No bleacher seating will be permitted until further notice.
  - Maintain social distancing and not intermingle with other groups.

## **CONCESSION STANDS**

- Concession stands are to remain closed.  
**Our concession stand will remain closed until further notice.**

## **MONITORING/COMPLIANCE/CDC REFERENCES**

- Plans shall indicate how groups will monitor practice sessions for compliance. Non-compliance or other issues should be reported to Hillsborough County Athletics: [prk-fields@HCFLGov.net](mailto:prk-fields@HCFLGov.net)  
**Teams will be required to assign a team parent for each practice and game. a board member or volunteer will be present every day of organized activity to monitor compliance.**
- Consequences for lack of compliance may include a suspension from play and/or loss of facility privileges or use.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/playing-sports.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
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In accordance with Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department

I, Jeff Bynum as Keystone Little LEAGUE'S Representative, with authority to bind the LEAGUE, do hereby certify compliance with the COVID-19 guidelines as set forth by Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department. The roster and identification cards issued by the LEAGUE reflects compliance by the LEAGUE for the mandatory COVID-19 Guidelines for all coaches/parents/guardians/volunteers and athletes. The roster and identification cards will be updated annually or as needed prior to each league's preseason/season and ensure the

COUNTY always has an updated roster. The LEAGUE takes responsibility for the Covid-19 Guidelines compliance and understands the LEAGUE is solely responsible for implementing and enforcing that all coaches/parents/guardians/volunteers and athletes are following the guidelines.

Signature:                     *J. B. Byrnes*                    

Date\_           8/26/20          

Entry/Exit Map. There will be a volunteer stationed at #1 and #2 to take temperatures before entry

