



**2020
COVID-19
SAFETY PLAN**



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Purpose

Safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of our players, coaches, volunteers, family members and support personnel is our number one priority. Specific measures will be introduced to protect all parties who continue to play, coach and help take care of the children in our league.

The COVID-19 safety plan should be viewed, in conjunction with, Countryside Little League's 2020 Safety Plan. In no way is this plan meant to replace or supersede any protocols or restrictions outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or by state and local authorities.

The league will not resume league sanctioned activities unless Little League International, state and local authorities grant the League permission to do so. The League may resume activities in "phases" in order to ensure proper social distancing and to adhere to state, local and CDC guidelines.

Participation

- 1). Players and volunteers are strongly encouraged to stay home if they are feeling ill.
- 2). We ask that players and volunteers allow for 72 hours of no symptoms before returning to participate in any league activity.
- 3). Coaches are responsible for taking attendance of all participants during ALL league activities whether practice or games. Coaches are responsible for maintaining record of attendance for the entire season.
- 4). We ask that any participant, whether a player or volunteer, who is diagnosed with COVID-19, notify their coach who is to then notify the CSLL Safety officer immediately.
- 5). CSLL will adhere to the reporting requirements as required by the City of Clearwater.

Fields and Equipment

- 1). **NO FOOD** will be allowed in the dugouts, this includes gum and sunflower seeds.
- 2). All players **MUST** bring their own water bottles, no team coolers allowed.
- 3). Shared equipment **MUST** be sanitized between each use (catcher's gear, gloves and bats). Coaches should discourage their players from sharing bats, helmets and hats.
- 4). Any equipment used by team managers/coaches **MUST** be sanitized before and after each use, this includes pitching machines and any other items used from the coach closet.
- 5). Parents are encouraged to provide their players with sanitizer or antibacterial hand wipes for use during practice.
- 6.) Pedestrian traffic flow will be handled as seen on the attached map.
- 7). Disposable PPE will be added to all first aid kits. The league operates in a very hot and humid climate, players wearing PPE items should be avoided if they could cause a player or coach to become

overheated. If there are any disputes regarding the use of PPE items please contact the league's safety officer or board member on duty.

Practices and Game Play

- 1). Dugouts **MUST** be sanitized both before and after practice (all hard surfaces include benches and bat racks). This includes removing all trash.
- 2). Fields in use will be limited to adhere to gathering requirements in accordance with city and state regulations (limiting the number of players, parents and volunteers at the fields at any one time).
- 3). Practices and Games will be scheduled to allow time for a team to exit the fields before the next team arrives.
- 4). Teams will be asked to arrive at their scheduled practice time (no earlier) and wait in their cars until the previous team has left/vacated the fields.
- 5). Parents are encouraged to bring their own chair and adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- 6). Dugouts can be used after they have been sanitized. We recommend keeping only 6-8 players at a safe distance in the dugout and using chairs directly outside the dugout areas for remaining players to avoid crowding the dugouts. In no event should the dugout be extended on to the field or in foul ball territory.
- 7). Teams will be asked to wait in their cars until the previous game has ended (if necessary due to weather delays) and the teams have exited the fields.
- 8). **NO** high-fives or handshakes after the game. Players and coaches should tip their hat to the opposing team.
- 9). Masks for spectators are not required but recommended, especially in common areas such as concession stand and restrooms.
- 10). The Board Member On-Duty will ensure that any visiting teams are aware of CSL's Return to Play plan and will adhere to the plan.

Parents and Spectators

- 1). Parents and spectators are **NOT** allowed in the dugouts, on the fields or on the bleachers (if bleachers are in use by the players). This excludes team coaches and assistant coaches.
- 2). Households may sit together. We encourage anyone from separate households to engage in social distancing and remain at least six feet apart.
- 3). Bleachers will be available. We ask that you maintain social distance from anyone who is not a member of your household.
- 4). Spectators are highly encouraged to bring their own chairs to avoid sitting along landscaping walls and crowding the bleachers.
- 5). The Board Member On-Duty has the right to refuse admittance of any person if the number of individuals on the premises exceeds the facility's capacity to maintain social distancing.

Concession Stand Operation

- 1). Volunteers will be required to submit to a "temperature check" before entering the concessions stand.
- 2). Volunteers **MUST** wear a mask when working in concessions.

- 3). Hands must be washed or sanitized frequently both before, during and after a volunteer's shift is complete.
- 4). **NO CASH** will change hands, credit cards will be the only accepted method of payment.
- 5). **NO** sunflower seeds or gums.
- 6). All common touch points (i.e. register, door handles, drawers, countertop areas) will be sanitized and disinfected by a board member prior to opening.
- 7). If a line is to form in the concession stand area, please maintain a social distance of 6 ft.
- 8). Please do not congregate in the common area.

Volunteer Training Program and Compliance

- 1). The safety officer will review the safety plan with all board members and coaches at the beginning of the season.
- 2). This safety plan will be posted on the league's website and communicated via email blast and social media.
- 3). The safety officer, all board members and all team managers are responsible for enforcement and ensuring all league participants are compliant with this safety plan.

Countryside Community Park Maps

Please refer to attached Exhibit A for the leagues plans to provide a separate point of entrance and exit for players and parents when league activities resume.

