

COVID-19 Safety Procedures MJNMLL Spring 2021

To ensure a safe and enjoyable Little League season for our players, volunteers and spectators, MJNMLL has developed this set of procedures and guidelines for our 2021 season to follow and state/local and CDC guidelines as they pertain to COVID-19 precautions in recreational sports settings. Our number one goal every season is to provide a safe and complete Little League experience for our players and families. We ask all families, volunteers, and spectators with MJNMLL to be a part of that experience by following these protocols. As state and local guidelines and recommendations change or restrictions are lifted MJNMLL reserves the right to amend or modify these protocols and guidelines.

COVID Mitigation Protocol/ Safety guidelines

1. MJNMLL will follow state/local and CDC guidelines as well as Little League guidance.
2. Coaches or the team parent will ask screening questions prior to practice/game to all participants and volunteers.
 - Have you knowingly been around anyone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days or been quarantined due to exposure within the past 14 days?
 - Does the player/coach have a fever or has been treated for a fever within the past 14 days?
 - Is the player/coach experiencing any of the current CDC issued signs/symptoms for COVID-19 at this time such as shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, cough, headache or fever?

IF YES TO ANY QUESTION A PLAYER IS REQUIRED TO NOT PARTICIPATE AND SEEK GUIDANCE FROM AN APPROPRIATE MEDICAL ADVISOR.

Mount Jackson New Market Little League reserves the right to ask any individual who

- exhibits signs/symptoms of Covid 19 to leave the practice/game area.

- does not abide by current Covid 19 guidelines set forth to leave the practice/game area.

3. All participants are to maintain physical distancing whenever possible.
4. All players/coaches must wear a mask while participating in little league functions when physical distancing cannot be maintained. e.g. when in the dugout or during meetings on the field. Player face covering can be removed during play.
5. During practices parents/guardians are asked to remain in vehicles or maintain physical distancing from other spectators. All spectators must wear face coverings when physical distancing of at least 10ft cannot be maintained. Parents and spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and sit in family/household groups along the 1st and 3rd baseline fences. Seating in the bleachers will be restricted.
6. The number of players and volunteers allowed in the practice facility will be restricted to 15. Face coverings shall be worn by players and coaches when in the facility and physical distancing should be maintained when possible.
7. All volunteers in the concession stand or press box during games must wear a face covering. The number of volunteers in the press box will be restricted to 3 or fewer.
8. The number of players in the dugout may be restricted to maintain physical distancing. Coaches and players in the dugout must wear a face covering; players will sit spaced out near the dugouts if the number of players in the dugout is restricted.
9. Hand sanitizer should be used by players and coaches at beginning of practice/game.
10. All players must have individual face coverings and helmets for the duration of a practice or game. Hand sanitizer required prior to hitting if using communal bats. League helmets will be properly disinfected at the end of a game or practice.
11. All league owned equipment will be wiped down with an approved sanitizer prior and after use. Parents/guardians are encouraged to clean individual equipment after use.

12. During game play it is recommended that each team provide their own game ball(s) for use when on defense. After 3 outs are recorded those balls should be returned to that team's dugout and the team coming onto the field for defense should provide their own game balls. Specific number of game balls can be determined the day of the game with guidance from the umpire.
13. Players should bring their own water/beverage to practices and games and are to be kept with personal belongings and not to be shared.
14. No food (gum, sunflower seeds, etc.) allowed during game by players/coaches/umpires, unless medically necessary.
15. Umpires are expected to wear a mask during play.
16. Umpires are to inspect equipment and wipe down with the use of an approved sanitizer if they must touch equipment.
17. Managers and umpires participating in plate meetings should maintain physical distancing and wear a face covering.
18. No post game handshakes shall be allowed and during games should be avoided by teammates. At the end of a game teams will line up on the baseline and tip their hat to their opponent.
19. All communal areas (bathrooms, dugouts, etc.) are to be cleaned prior to any event and after any event by the coaching staff/volunteers.

Mount Jackson New Market Little League reserves the right to cancel any event it deems unsafe given current COVID 19 trends and exposures.

MJNMLL requests families inform coaching staff or safety officer ASAP if a player or immediate family member has received a positive test or is quarantined due to an exposure.

MJNMLL also reserves the right to modify these COVID-19 Safety Procedures as new guidance or restrictions are made available from the CDC and/or the Virginia Governor's Office.