



## **COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Greater West Melbourne Little League**

GWMLL is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all our players, coaches, and spectators. To ensure we have a safe and healthy environment, we have developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 at our fields, and that requires full cooperation from EVERYONE. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our players and spectators.

### **Disclaimer:**

No one is required to play. That decision and any associated risk/liability is solely on the parents and guardians for that child. While the GWMLL Board of Directors will implement safety guidelines to the best of our ability it is in no way, shape, or form a guarantee your child or a member of your family will not catch COVID-19.

**THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS/CREDITS ISSUED DUE TO EVENTS/ILLNESS RELATED TO COVID-19 FOR THE FALL 2020 SEASON**

Note: The Guidelines outlined by GWMLL in this document may change at any time based on changes of guidelines from Federal, State, and Local governments and health officials.

### **Those exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19**

We encourage all parents/players/spectators to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If you or your family have exhibited any of the following symptoms, please stay home:

- Cough
- Fever
- Chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Headache
- Muscle Pain
- Tiredness or fatigue
- Sore throat

If you or your family test positive for COVID-19 you are required to follow CDC Guidelines and quarantine for 10 days and be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to the field.

**NOTE:** Entire teams are not required to quarantine if a player or coach on the team tests positive as long as they are not experiencing symptoms. That said players are welcome to self-quarantine and get tested for COVID-19 should they choose to do so.

### **General Procedures:**

- All Players and volunteer coaches will be required to check the COVID-19 Waiver upon registration for the season
- Sanitizer Stations will be setup at each concession stand for games. Parents should provide their players with their own sanitizer and/or antibacterial wipes as well.
- All dugouts and bat racks will be sanitized by a GWMLL Board Member before and after

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each game

- Games will be scheduled 30 minutes apart on the same field. This is to allow one group to leave prior to the arrival of the next group. As well as to allow the dugouts to be sanitized between practices/games.
- Practice and Game time limits will be strictly enforced to allow for these safety procedures
- All players MUST use their own equipment. Sharing of helmets, bats, or gloves is strictly prohibited. Shared catcher's equipment will be sanitized before and after each game and during the game if multiple players play this position
- Players may spread out their equipment utilizing the space both inside and outside of the dugout to adhere to social distancing guidelines
- If your player or a close family member is sick or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms stay home and see a medical professional. Be courteous of the other parents and families and use common sense!
- Any player or coach who shows up that appears to be sick will be sent home.
- If your player or close family member has a chronic disease or is immune-compromised GWMLL Board of Directors does NOT recommend that the player play this season. At a minimum you should consult your family doctor prior to playing.
- Prior to practices and games managers will get a verbal check from parents/guardians that their players or anyone they have been in contact with are currently has a fever, is sick or have recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- Restrooms will be open during games and practices and cleaned as prescribed in CDC guidelines. In addition, all touchpoint areas will also be cleaned and sanitized per CDC guidelines

## **Game Procedures:**

- Game attendees should be limited to players, coaches, umpires, and immediate family members only
- Bleachers will be closed and roped off. Please plan to bring your own seating. Each family should be spaced 6 feet apart from other families per CDC Social Distancing Guidelines.
- We encourage players to social distance while in the dugout
- There will be no team coolers or snacks, players MUST bring their own drink and/or snack.
- Players may wear parent-provided Personal Protection Equipment (i.e. masks) if the parents deem them necessary, but players and coaches are NOT required to wear one.
- Instead of handshakes at the end of a game, teams will line up on their respective baselines and either wave or tip their cap.
- Post-game: Managers should encourage their teams to exit dugouts quickly and have a quick post game meeting while following social distancing guidelines. This is so board members can clean and disinfect the dugouts after and between games.

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## **Concession Procedures:**

- No kids under the age of 13 will be allowed in the concession stand, kids 13 and older may volunteer for a team's concession shift
- Grill/Fryer area will be open, but is subject to change. Volunteers working the grill are requested to wear a mask when around open food
- Concession Volunteers should wear masks and gloves when handling food
- Concession lines will be marked at 6ft intervals to ensure spacing of those waiting in line is in accordance with the 6ft social distancing CDC Guidelines.

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