

# HAZEL DELL LITTLE LEAGUE RETURN TO PLAY SAFETY PLAN

As required by the State of Washington, Hazel Dell Little League, known as HDLL, based in Vancouver, Washington, in Clark County adopts the following Covid-19 Safety Plan for use in all practices, games and tournaments involving HDLL. Under the current phase that Clark County, WA is in at the time of this document and the required WA State Covid-19 Guidelines. These are subject to change at any time per State of WA.

Hazel Dell LL will share to players, managers, coaches and spectators this safety plan to help reduce exposure or spread the Covid-19 virus.

## **I. Education**

- A. Managers and coaches acknowledge this safety plan.
- B. Managers, coaches & volunteers will enforce this safety plan to best of their ability.
- C. The league will post reminders to limit physical contact.
- D. The league will work to limit spectators at any function to meet WA State guidelines
- E. League will disseminate the most current information to all families.
- F. League will post the most current guidelines provided by the State of WA.

## **II. Health**

- A. All players, coaches, volunteers and spectators will not participate in any function when they do not feel well. This includes having an above normal temperature (over 100), persistent cough or any other suspected Covid symptoms.
- B. HDLL will promote frequent hand washing, sanitizing or use of disinfecting wipes.
- C. Cover sneezes and coughs and sanitize afterwards.
- D. A minimum separation of six (6) feet be maintained.
- E. Face coverings by players may not be required while on the field but must be worn at all other times while on the premises, unless actively eating or drinking.
- F. Players, managers & coaches will not share water bottles or any other drinks.

## **III. Physical Contact, Player and Dugout Guidelines**

- A. There will be no intentional physical contact between player, coaches and spectators other than their immediate families. This includes but not limited to none of the following:
  - 1) Handshakes
  - 2) High fives
  - 3) Fist bumps
  - 4) Chest bumps
  - 5) Group celebrations
- B. Dugouts Players should be marked on the bench, bleachers or bull pens areas to properly social distance 6' apart.
- C. Use of face coverings by coaches, volunteers and all spectators is mandatory at all times.
- D. Use of player face coverings is required while in the dugout.
- E. No food sunflower seeds, gum, or spitting in the dugout.

#### **IV. Fields**

- A. Players are to maintain social distancing of 6 feet during practices as much as possible.
- B. Baseballs & Softballs and other Equipment
  - 1) Balls will be provided by the defense at each inning exchange.
- C. Umpires
  - 1) Face coverings or shields are required.
  - 2) Games may be called from behind the pitcher or plate.
  - 3) Umpires allowed to touch equipment during pre-game safety inspections.
  - 4) PPE gloves should be used when available or sanitize wipes after inspections.

#### **V. Facilities**

- A. Spectators
  - 1) Must use social distancing measures in accordance with current State of Washington requirements while observing practices, games or tournaments.
    - a) Spectators are encouraged to wait at their vehicles while practice is held, or pre-game warmups are being conducted.
    - b) Spectators must occupy outside the side and outfield fence areas with no more than 2 families within a 100 square foot area while maintaining 6' social distancing from other families.
    - c) Spectators should be encouraged to bring their own chairs for viewing.
    - d) The bleachers are currently closed to spectators.
    - e) Those needing assistance or having disabilities may request to sit in or near bleachers.
- B. Each field at multifield sports parks is allowed 100 spectators per field or as mandated by the State of WA or Clark County Health Department.
  - 1) This allows for approximately 4 spectators for each player.
  - 2) Games shall be scheduled to allow for complete evacuation of the field before the next contest.
  - 3) Loitering is not allowed.
- C. Restrooms
  - 1) Restroom's use may be dictated by HDLL or the County Health Department
    - a) Restrooms should be cleaned/disinfected frequently.

#### **VI. Concessions**

- A. Follow Clark County Health Department Guidelines and regulations for operation of concession stands.

#### **VII. Other Ways to Mitigate and Limit Exposure**

- A. Social Media
- B. Use of Game Changer or an online app to allow people who may desire to track the game.
- C. Consider "Streaming" games using Facebook Live or other social media to allow off site viewing of a game.
- D. Posted Signage

*Adopted by the HDLL Executive Board of Volunteers in March of 2021.*

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