





# 2021 COVID-19 Return to Play Safety Plan

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# COVID-19 Safety Protocols

- The Shoreline Little League is a member of the District 8 Washington Little League which is comprised of 12 area little league organizations.
- Little League International has developed Covid-19 protocols for the safety of players, coaches and parents.
- District 8 has adopted those protocols
- Shoreline LL has incorporated the protocols into its annual safety plan.
- All participants in the SLL will be trained on the protocols.

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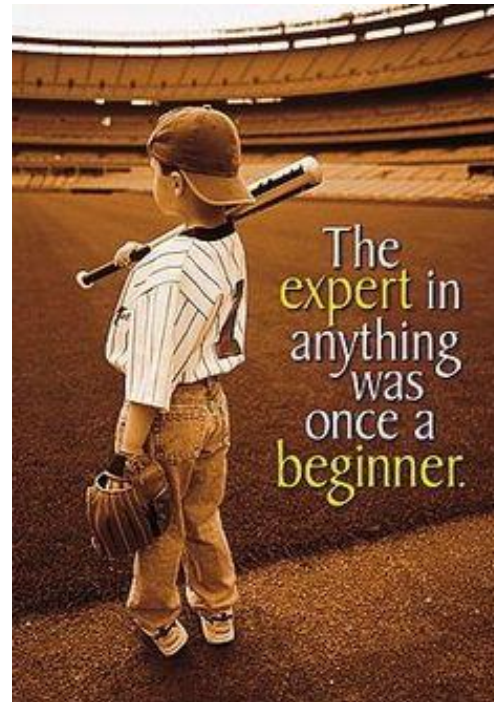


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## Mission Statement:

It is our intent to follow WA state guidelines by honoring the phased approach that has been laid out by our governor. It is acknowledged that this plan is a snapshot in time that can and will change as we gain additional knowledge and understanding of the Covid-19 virus.



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## General Requirements - All Participants (Coaches, Players, Umpires and Spectators):

- **Must wear a mask or face covering at all times from exiting your vehicle until returning to your vehicle.**
- Must remain home if ANYONE in household is ill
- Strongly encouraged to take temperature prior to leaving for field and to stay home if temperature is elevated (above 100.4<sup>0</sup>F)
- Must arrive at field with a household member (Carpooling strongly discouraged)
- Must go directly to your designated field (No viewing other games)
- Must maintain 6 ft social distancing with anyone not in your household
- Spectators are not allowed in player areas (Dugouts, fields, etc)
- Spectators must maintain 6 ft distance from backstops and dugouts
- Hand washing or sanitizing at regular intervals is strongly recommended





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## General Requirements - All Participants:

- When available, must use bathroom provided at your designated field - Maintain 6 ft buffer around the door
- No concession services will be provided
- Follow pack in / pack out philosophy (Take all garbage with you upon leaving)
- Upon conclusion of the practice or game, leave your designated field promptly (Don't mingle with other parents, etc)



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## Player Requirements:

- **Must wear a mask or face covering at all times.**
- Must maintain 6 ft social distancing while off the field of play
- Use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field.
- Adhere to proper hygiene requirement of not touching their face
- Must not share clothing, equipment, food or water
- All equipment must be clearly marked so player can readily identify (No permanent markings on bats)
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (No high fives, handshakes, etc)
- Must clean dugout of any trash after practice / game





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## Coach Requirements:

- **Must wear a mask or face covering at all times.**
- Ensure that all participants adhere to all requirements
- Maintain 6 ft social distancing when possible
- Use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field.
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (No high fives, handshakes, etc)
- Must sanitize shared catcher's equipment between uses (All other equipment sharing is prohibited)
- Must clean dugout of any trash after practice or game
- Must sanitize field maintenance equipment before leaving
- No beverage or snack exchange after practices or games
- Keep eating and drinking to a minimum in the dugout. **Absolutely no sunflower seeds.**



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## Umpire Requirements:

- **Must wear a mask or face covering at all times.**
- Follow the District 8 protocols for placement while umpiring a game. Whether that is behind the plate or behind the pitcher.
- Must maintain 6 ft social distancing when possible (Base umpires must always maintain 6 ft social distancing)
- Use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field.
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (No high fives, handshakes, etc)
- Equipment safety check should be completed visually.



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## Phase II Practice Procedures:

- Managers to ensure that return-to-play requirements for all participants, including players, coaches and umpires are followed
- Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the reservation is not allowed (If you arrive early, wait in your vehicle)
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of their reservation
- Equipment bags to be spaced 6 ft apart in dugouts or surrounding area
- Full team practices are allowed while maintaining 6 ft social distancing when possible
- All equipment and garbage must be removed, and the field vacated by all participants 15 minutes prior to the end of the reservation



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## Phase II Game Procedures:

- Managers to ensure that all return-to-play requirements for all participants, including players, coaches and umpires are followed
- Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the reservation is not allowed (If you arrive early, wait in your vehicle)
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of their reservation
- Staggered start times to limit numbers at entry and exit points
- Equipment bags to be spaced 6 ft apart in dugouts or surrounding area
- Managers must ensure that total participants do not exceed 200 people (Includes coaches, players, spectators and umpires)
- No lineups exchanged or plate meetings (Any field issues or irregular ground rules should be shared via e-mail prior to game).



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- Maintain as much social distancing in the dugout as possible.
- A coach will be required to retrieve the player's bat by the bat head (Not the bat handle) after an at bat
- Each team will be required to provide their own game balls for use when on-field, including extras for foul balls (A coach is required to provide players with a game ball after an out-of-play foul ball)
- Players are to maintain 6ft social distance when possible on-field, including while returning to the dugout
- All players, coaches and umpires will be required to wear face covering during the game.



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- On-field meetings should include no more than 2 players / coaches while maintaining 6 ft social distancing
- Any shared catching equipment must be sanitized between uses (All other equipment sharing is prohibited)
- Players and families to leave immediately after the game concludes
- All equipment and garbage must be removed, and the field vacated by all participants 15 minutes prior to the end of the reservation



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