



WSLL SPRING 2021 COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS

Westside Little League (WSLL) is prepared to host a Spring 2021 baseball season. These protocols have been developed to guide WSLL, parents, players, coaches, umpires, and staff as we all work together to restart youth baseball in a reasonably safe manner. WSLL will base its protocols on the information currently available and the guidance that has been provided by our national, state, county and city governments and our local health authorities. These protocols will be reviewed regularly and adjusted for effectiveness and if government guidance changes.

All coaches, parents, umpires, and staff will be provided with a copy of these protocols and required to self-enforce these protocols in order to attend practices and games. Parents should monitor the health of their children and refrain from sending them to participate in WSLL activities if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19.

CRITERIA FOR ATTENDING EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH WSLL (PRACTICES AND GAMES):

- Coaches, parents, participants, volunteers and staff should not attend events if they have had known close sustained contact with a person that is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 10 days or if they have displayed any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills and/or repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or displaying a fever greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Coaches, parents, participants, volunteers and staff can attend events if they are not exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 and can produce a negative COVID-19 test 7 days after having close sustained contact with a person that is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 10 days (test must be administered at least 5 days after the positive exposure).
- Coaches, parents, participants, volunteers and staff living with a household member that is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 must follow the above protocol from their last contact with the positive household member.
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again. However, if a person who previously tested positive for COVID-19 exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, they must obtain a negative test to return to WSLL or they must follow the above protocols for quarantine.
- People who have received FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccinations do not need to quarantine after a positive exposure unless they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 they must receive a negative COVID test before returning to WSLL.
- All employees and volunteer coaches must check in with the Safety Coordinator prior to entering the park for all games. At check in, they will need to acknowledge (a) they have not had known close sustained contact with a person that is lab confirmed to have COVID-19, and (b) they do not have any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills and/or repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or displaying a fever greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition, the Safety Coordinator will use a no-contact infrared forehead thermometer to record the person's temperature.



HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR SPECTATORS:

- Do not congregate in groups larger than 10 individuals. Within groups, maintain 6 feet of separation from individuals not in your household. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, face coverings should be worn over the nose and mouth.
- Those at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 are encouraged to watch games from their homes (<https://watch.fwwestside.com/>).
- In order to minimize the number of people at the ballpark, we recommend only immediatefamily members of participants attend each event..



HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR SICK PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF:

Coaches, parents, volunteers, participants and staff that have attended WSL events and subsequently test positive for COVID-19 are responsible for notifying WSL and their team immediately so they can take action to prevent further spread.

ADDITIONAL WSL INITIATIVES INTENDED TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD OF COVID-19:

- Hand sanitizer will be available in dugouts, restrooms and concessions areas.
- Free masks will be available at the concessions stand.
- Restrooms and concessions will be sanitized daily.
- Parents are asked to maintain 6 feet of distance between households while sitting in the bleachers and while inside the park.
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- The main gate and the gate adjacent to the Colt field will be used for entry and exit from the park.
- Equipment sharing is prohibited unless sanitized between uses. The concession stand has extra catcher's helmets that have been sanitized available for games each day.
- Players will be required to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth while in the dugout and whenever it is not possible to maintain social distancing (6 feet) from other individuals not from the same household
- Coaches will be required to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth whenever it is not possible to maintain social distancing (6 feet) and encouraged to remain outside of the dugout in the extra fenced off areas.
- Sunflower seeds are prohibited.
- Roster sizes will be reduced to minimize the number of people at the park for games. Our goal is to carry no more than 10 players per team in Minors and Majors; 11 per team in Colt, and 12-13 per team in Pee Wee.¹
- No in-person registration this Spring. If you need to speak in-person or wish to inquire about financial assistance, please email Richard.garland@fwwestside.com.

¹ Could change based on actual player enrollment and the number of coach volunteers per division.



BEST PRACTICES

- Parents make the final decision on whether their child should participate presuming no affirmative answers to the symptom checklist.
- All spectators must follow social distancing guidelines outlined by state and local authorities and are encouraged to wash hands frequently.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs in order to more effectively spread out.
- Post-game snacks provided by team parents are prohibited.
- No handshake lines – after games, teams will line up in front of their dugout and tip their cap toward the other team as a sign of respect for the game.

At any time during a pandemic, we may be forced into a delay or add restrictions per state and local authorities. We will do our best to keep you informed of all changes as we will comply with state and local jurisdiction.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[State of Texas – Open Texas Website](#)

[Tarrant County](#) (or on Twitter @TarrantCountyTX)

[State of Texas Youth Sports Order \(revised July 2, 2020\)](#)

[Tarrant County Executive Order – Mask Mandate Extended to February 28, 2020](#)