

Maryville Little League COVID-19 Guidelines

General

A player, coach, or spectator with any of the following conditions should not attend a practice or game until evaluated by a medical provider and given clearance to do so.

- Active COVID-19 infection
- Known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting

All players, coaches, and spectators should practice social distancing of six feet whenever possible from individuals not residing within their household.

We encourage coaches, players, and spectators to use the closest restroom to their field of play or practice.

While not required during games or practices, families are responsible for providing any masks, PPE gear, and/or sanitizer that they choose their child to use.

Practice Guidelines

- Practices will be spaced out to limit the amount of people in the park.
- We recommend one parent per child should attend practices
- Each player will need to bring their own drink with their name on it and keep it in their bag.
- Each player should use their own glove, helmet, and bat whenever possible.
- Coaches are to disinfect all common equipment after each practice.
- Coaches should follow social distancing guidelines as much as possible.
- Any initial parent information meetings should take place outside.
- No casual or impromptu batting cage practices are allowed.
- Players may wear masks or other PPE gear provided by their family.

Game Guidelines

- Plate meeting will be modified to minimize interaction. Each team's scorekeeper will exchange line up cards.

- Each player should use their own helmet, glove, and bat whenever possible.
- Each player will need to bring their own drink with their name on it and keep it in their bag.
- Press boxes are to remain closed during games except for one scoreboard operator.
- Coaches are to disinfect catcher's gear when changing catchers. Do try to limit changing catchers if possible.
- Arrive no more than 30 minutes early prior to the game. If you arrive earlier, wait in the parking lot if you are unable to social distance.
- Batting cages during practices will be assigned to a particular field. If you have a practice on a field, you may use ONLY the batting cage assigned to that field.
 - Field 1 Cage- Field 1 Teams
 - Field 3 Cage- Field 2 Teams
 - Field 5 Cage- Field 3 Teams
 - Field 4 Cage- Field 4 Teams
- When sitting in the bleachers, please social distance when possible. Please use your own discretion when sitting in the bleachers. Please bring individual chairs and sit spaced out along the fence line to help with social distancing.
- No post game handshakes or high fives. Players and coaches will line up outside their dugout and tip their hats to the other team.
- No gum, sunflower seeds, or spitting will be allowed in any areas of the ball park.
- All coaches are responsible for spraying dugout with Clorox solution before vacating the dugout. Clorox solution will be supplied by MLL.
- After the game is finished, clear the park within 30 minutes if unable to social distance.

Positive COVID-19 Test

- If a player tests positive for COVID-19, they shall notify their coach as soon as possible.
- Any player testing positive shall quarantine per CDC guidelines and not return to practice or games until medically released.
- If the player has exposed their team, the team shall quarantine per CDC guidelines. MLL will make every effort to reschedule games within the regular season schedule.

During these difficult times, we need to remember that everyone may have different ideas of what is best for them and their families. We ask that you respect others' opinions so that everyone feels safe and can enjoy watching the kids play baseball and softball. These guidelines may change as we progress into the season and more information becomes available.