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COVID-19 Control Plan: Template

An organization must develop a written COVID-19 Control Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business/organization may fill out this template to fulfill the requirement that it complete a COVID-19 Control Plan. If you have questions, please ask them by emailing: planquestions@reopeningri.com

This plan **does not** need to be submitted to a state agency for approval but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) in the event of an inspection or outbreak.

Covid-19 Control Plan

Name of Business: Barrington Little League

Address: P.O. Box 282, Barrington, RI 02806

Other corporate info, if applicable:

Owner/Manager of Business and contact info: Fletcher Thomson (President) 401-741-7182

HR Representative and contact info: N/A. We have no employees.

Face masks and coverings. To ensure employees comply with face covering requirements, you have (check the boxes to certify):

- Informed volunteers, youth participants and their families of the requirement to wear facemasks unless they can easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from others [except when on the field of play during practices and/or games].
- We have no employees, but have trained managers and League officials, and implemented rules in compliance with RI Orders and guidance, and CDC and Little League International guidance. We have also
- disseminated these rules to all participants and volunteers via email and posted on our website. The rules explicitly set forth and require compliance with RI's face mask and social distancing requirements, as
- modified in accordance with the States' Phase III Youth and Adult Sports Guidance 07.02.20 (A current copy is attached).
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Social distancing and organizing personnel. To meet social distancing requirements, you have (check the boxes to certify):

- We have implemented social distancing rules consistent with RI State requirements. These include distancing of players when not on the field of play, positioning personal equipment at 6'+ intervals, banning congregating in the dugouts, etc. We have removed umpires from behind the plate. Our rules / procedures are attached.

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- Documented where social distancing may not be possible and outlined mitigation measures for these circumstances. Please describe your approach here (attach extra pages if needed): In dugouts - instead of congregating in dugouts, players and their equipment will be spread out at 6'+ distances when not on the field of play. Spectator seating at AAA/Majors games has been closed to help distance spectators from players during games. Umpires have been relocated from behind the plate to a point behind the mound and socially distant from the pitcher. (See also attached rules).

Responding to a positive case or outbreak. To ensure proper management of a positive COVID-19 case or outbreak, you have (check the boxes to certify):

- Agreed to call RIDOH immediately upon being informed of a positive case amongst your workforce at 401-222-8022, or 211 after hours, so they can assist in contact tracing and provide further instruction.
- Developed a COVID-19 sick policy and communicated it to league officials, volunteers, participants and their families. (Please retain a copy of this communication or communications.)
- Assigned a minimum of one representative to work with RIDOH on testing employees, contact tracing, case investigation, isolation and quarantine, and any other follow-up related to outbreak containment. Please identify that representative here and update this information on this form when it changes:
Jennifer Davis, Safety Officer, 401-450-6497 & Fletcher Thomson, President, 401-741-7182.
- Prepared your organization to respond to a positive case or outbreak on a team by, for example:
 - Reviewing the general business guidelines with league officials and agreeing to call RIDOH in the case of an outbreak or positive case.
 - We are prepared to comply with quarantine requirements for any team where a positive case is located, in consultation and compliance with RIDOH direction.



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- Implementing other procedures (attach extra pages if needed): We have a defined internal health/injury reporting procedure (as dictated by Little League International) and maintain contact information on all league officials, volunteers, managers, participants, etc.
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- Describe your plan for managing employees, including other employees in a “team” or “pod,” if or when a coworker tests positive for COVID-19 (and attach extra pages if needed): We have no employees. However, we will contact RIDOH immediately, and institute team quarantining pursuant to RI State requirements.

Minimizing access by COVID-19-positive or symptomatic individuals. To ensure that COVID-19-positive or symptomatic individuals have minimal access to the workplace, you have (check the boxes to certify)

- Communicated with all volunteers, league officials, players, and spectators that they need to stay home if they test positive for, have been exposed to, or have symptoms of COVID-19. (Please retain a copy of this communication or communications.)
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Distributed RI COVID-19 Screening tool to all player's parents, coaches and volunteers, and directed them to self-screen before attending practices, games or other events. Weekly reminder communications are made to all participants, and coaches will inquire as to any changes in health condition upon arrival at field.

- Obtained written agreement from all participants that they will self-screen, and not attend events if they are ill.

Communication with League. To make sure you and your volunteers / participants have a shared understanding of how to operate during Rhode Island’s phased reopening, you have (check the boxes to certify):

- Shared information with your volunteers and participants to remind them of the requirement to stay home if they are sick and inform them of sick-time policies.
- Sent out COVID-19 rules and guidance via email and posted to website; trained league officials and managers to instruct and enforce rules; Send out weekly communications to the entire League including reminders about COVID-19 screening, and related topics.
- Determined the steps you will take upon learning of a volunteer and/or participant who has tested positive for COVID-19, including how you will work with RIDOH to identify which other volunteers and/or participants will need to be quarantined and how you will communicate this information to the other volunteers and/or participants while respecting health privacy laws.
- Communicated this information to your volunteers their preferred language or easiest mode of communication. (Please retain a copy of this communication or communications.)
- Discussed with or distributed information to volunteers & participants about how the organization will address their concerns. (Please retain a copy of this communication or communications.)



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Implemented other procedures (please describe them.)

Cleaning and decontamination. To ensure proper cleaning and decontamination of the workspace, you have (check the boxes to certify):

- We operate outside, but have advised all volunteers and participants on hand washing and hand sanitizing guidance, have eliminated use of shared equipment (by distributing equipment to players who need it for personal use).
- Have provided hand-sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol content) that can be used for hand hygiene by volunteers, managers, coaches and players, and instructed them to use it every time they exit the field of play. Additionally, we have encouraged parents to sanitize the players' personal equipment after use.
- Developed procedures for monitoring the supply of soap and/or hand-sanitizer, and replenishing it as needed.
- Made a plan for or arranged for cleaning of the business establishment at least once per day. In addition, made a plan to comply with RIDOH regulations and CDC guidelines. Please describe your plan for such cleaning here (and attach extra pages if needed):
To address this issue, we have closed (in consultation with and by Order of the Town of Barrington) our concessions stands and public restrooms. We therefore have no public indoor facilities that are utilized in our operations.
- Implemented new procedures to ensure cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, including equipment, tools and machinery, delivery vehicles and areas in the work environment, including restrooms, break rooms, lunch rooms, meeting rooms, and drop-off and pick-up locations in compliance with CDC guidelines. Please describe your procedures here (and attach extra pages if needed):

- Implemented other procedures. Please describe them here (and attach extra pages if needed):

Industry-specific guidance. To ensure that you have reviewed and will operate in accordance with the guidance that is being issued regarding your particular business/organization's industry or category, you (check the boxes to certify):

- Have reviewed the specific guidance for YOUTH SPORTS industry/setting on www.reopeningri.com/
- Will consult <http://www.reopeningri.com/>, the RIDOH website, and Governor's Executive Orders on a weekly basis or whenever notified of the availability of new guidance for your industry/category/business
- Will stay in touch with LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL, AND RHODE ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE industry association(s) or chamber(s) of commerce regarding your industry's guidance or pledge pertaining to business operations (please fill in the name of at least one industry association or regional RI chamber of commerce).





RULES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

I. MANDATORY PRE-SCREENING BEFORE EACH PRACTICE / GAME:

All players, managers, coaches and volunteers must be screened for any symptoms of COVID-19 before coming to the field for each practice, game or other Little League activity. Screening will be conducted by each player's parent or guardian on the day of each practice, game or other Little League activity. In addition, the manager of each team shall inquire and document that screening has been completed as to all players in attendance before each practice and/or game. Any person exhibiting signs of illness or who has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 must be excluded from the activity in accordance with CDC and RI Department of Health guidelines.

II. HYGIENE / HAND CLEANING:

Frequent Hand Cleaning: The CDC recommends washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol may be used. Handwashing and/or sanitizing should occur before, during, and after Little League activities.

Because access to soap and water is limited at Barrington fields, players are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer for personal use, and to sanitize their hands frequently after handling "shared objects" such as baseballs or softballs, or touching common surfaces (like the gate latch on a fence/dugout or the first base bag).

While the League will endeavor to provide each team with a bottle of hand sanitizer for use, as needed, during practices and games, ***it is the responsibility of players and their families to supply hand sanitizer for players' personal use. Parents are also recommended to bring antibacterial wipes for disinfecting player provided equipment after each use.***

III. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

Managers, coaches and volunteers are required to wear a face covering in accordance with RI Department of Health regulations and Executive Order 20-30 or when unable to easily, continuously, and measurably keep six feet of physical distance from others. Managers and coaches are not required to wear a face covering when actively engaged in a practice (e.g. when throwing batting practice or hitting balls to players) **provided that they can easily, continuously, and measurably keep six feet of physical distance from others.** Managers and

coaches must wear a face covering during in-game visits to the mound. Players and managers/coaches must wear a face covering while in the dugout.

Players are required to wear face coverings when not on the field of play (for example, when “on the bench”), except when they can easily, continuously, and measurably keep six feet of physical distance from others. While on the field, engaged in a practice or game, players are not required to wear a face covering. However, players are always permitted to wear a face covering on the field during practice and game play, based on individual player/parent/guardian determination.

IV. SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Players, managers, coaches, volunteers and spectators should practice social distancing of six feet wherever possible. When on the field of play, physical distancing is encouraged, but not required by teammates, however, activities where at least six feet of distance can be maintained are encouraged and 14 feet of distance is preferred. All but the essential contact necessary to a practice or game should be avoided. When not on the field of play, players must maintain physical distance of six feet.

When not on the field of play, managers/coaches and players should be assigned spots in the dugout, on the bleachers and /or along the *outside* of the field’s parameter fence so that they are at least six feet apart and all behind a fence (for safety reasons). Players must stay at their assigned spots when on the bench or while awaiting their turn to bat.

Only players, managers and coaches assigned to a team are permitted on the field of play (including dugouts) before, during and after practices and games (including pre- and post-game field preparation).

When teams are not actively engaged in a game or scrimmage with one another, each team should maintain a minimum physical distance of 14 feet from the other team. No more than two teams should be at any field during a game.

V. PROHIBITIONS ON SHARING OF EQUIPMENT / FOOD:

Sharing of personal equipment (bats, gloves, helmets) is prohibited. Players should have their own batter’s helmet, glove, bat and catcher’s equipment. Use of shared (team) equipment should be limited and sanitized between uses. When it is necessary to share team equipment, all surfaces of each piece of shared equipment must be cleaned first and then disinfected with an EPA approved disinfectant against COVID-19 and allowed sufficient time to dry before use by a new player. Increased attention should be paid to detailed cleaning of all equipment directly contacting the head and face (catcher’s mask, helmets).

Players should use hand sanitizer after handling baseballs / softballs during practice and/or games, and after contact with common surfaces or objects (such as a runner who touches the

second base bag with his/her bare hand (without a batting glove on). ***Players should use hand sanitizer every time they leave the field of play.***

No personal player bat bags/equipment bags are allowed in the dugout. Player equipment should be staged accordingly outside the dugout to allow physical distance between users and to limit multiple touches/prevent direct contact. Players should not share towels, clothing, or other items that they may use to wipe their face or hands.

Cups, bottles, or other food/beverage items are not to be shared. All players must bring their own food/beverage items. Shared beverages, snacks and food are prohibited. Sunflower seeds, gum, and spitting are prohibited.

VI. GAME PLAY

a. Pre-Game Plate Meetings

Plate meetings should be minimized or eliminated if possible. Plate meetings (when necessary) should only consist of one manager or coach (no players) from each team, and game umpires. All participants shall wear a cloth face covering, and social distancing must be observed.

b. Umpires

The “home plate” umpire shall be positioned behind the pitcher’s mount/circle to call balls and strikes, instead of behind the plate. Umpires are encouraged to social distance from players as much as possible and must wear a cloth face covering when unable to easily, continuously, and measurably keep six feet of physical distance from others.

c. Balls

Baseballs and softballs should be rotated through on a regular basis, at least every two innings, to limit individual contact. Umpires should limit their contact with the ball, and catchers should retrieve foul balls and passed balls where possible. Balls used in infield/outfield warm-up should be isolated from a shared ball container. Foul balls landing outside the field of play should be retrieved by participating players, coaches, and umpires. No spectators should retrieve the ball.

d. Hand Sanitizing Between Innings

Fielders should use hand sanitizer every time they exit the field of play.

VII. SPECTATORS:

All spectators should practice social distancing and comply with RI state guidelines on wearing of face coverings. Spectators should avoid direct contact with players/managers/coaches

during practices and games and should bring their own seating when possible. Spectators should ensure at least six feet of physical distance between household groups and maintain at least 14 feet of space from the outer limit of play. State of Rhode Island official guidance recommends that no more than two spectators attend from any household. Spectators with any COVID-19 symptoms should not attend practices or games.

VIII. QUARANTINE:

If a player on a team or in a stable group tests positive for COVID-19, the entire team or group (if they have been in close contact with the athlete) needs to quarantine for 14 days.

IX. RESTROOMS AND CONCESSIONS STANDS CLOSED:

Public restrooms (including those located at Sherwood, Chianese and Vets field) and concessions stands are closed per the Town of Barrington, and cannot be accessed by players, managers, coaches, volunteers or spectators until further notice.