



Floral Park Little League 2021 COVID-19 Protocol



The procedures set forth in this document are to be followed by all players, coaches, managers, volunteers and spectators during all league activities (practices, games, etc.). These shall be considered in force unless formal written notice of change has been provided.

Prior to participation in the 2021 season, each player must submit a signed copy of the 2021 COVID-19 waiver.

Exposure Protocols:

1. Any player, coach, manager, umpire or volunteer who tests positive for COVID-19 must report their result to the Safety Officer, Tom Van Buskirk, at 917-833-8191 or contactfpLL@yahoo.com immediately
 - a. All notifications will be kept private and confidential
 - b. Those who test positive will be required to refrain from league activities for the CDC recommended period of quarantine
 - c. The league will use best practices to notify players and coaches who may have come into contact
 - i. The identity of any positive cases will be kept private and confidential
 - d. The division of play with a positive test will have play suspended for the CDC recommended period of quarantine
 - i. Practices may not be held during this suspension
2. Any player, coach, manager, umpire or volunteer who is notified that they are a close contact of somebody who has tested positive may not participate in league activities for the CDC recommended period of quarantine.
 - a. This includes, but is not limited to, players whose school classes become remote due to a possible exposure.
 - b. In the event of a later positive test, please see point 1 for the protocol to be followed.
3. In the event that a local school is closed, goes remote, or quarantines a class due to exposure, the Board of Directors will review all available information and take action according to best practices.
4. All federal, state and local travel restrictions must be followed.
 - a. Any player, coach, manager, umpire or volunteer who travels to a restricted locale may not take part in any league activities until the proper quarantine requirements have been met.
 - b. Quarantine requirements for restricted travel will be as determined at the federal, state, or local level.



Game, Practice and League Event Protocols

1. Follow the federal, state, and local guidelines as they relate to COVID-19
2. Health Monitoring
 - a. All players, coaches, managers, volunteers, and spectators will measure their body temperature, prior to attendance at any league activities, to ensure that no fever is present.
 - b. Anyone with symptoms of fever, cough, or worsening respiratory symptoms will not attend any league activities until cleared by a medical professional.
 - c. Any individual, including players, at risk for severe illness or with serious underlying medical or respiratory condition should obtain permission from a medical professional before attending league activities.
 - d. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to COVID-19 must follow the exposure protocols at the top of this document.
3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - a. Face coverings are in addition to and not a replacement for social distancing
 - b. Cloth face coverings will be considered part of the uniform and required equipment that must be brought to every league activity
 - c. All managers, coaches, volunteers, etc. are required to wear a cloth face covering when in the dugout, on the field, and in all instances where six (6) feet of social distancing is challenging, inconsistent, or not feasible.
 - d. Players are required to wear a cloth face covering when in the dugout with other players and in all instances where six (6) feet of social distancing is challenging, inconsistent, or not feasible.
 - i. Players will not be required to wear a cloth face covering while on the field during gameplay
 - ii. Players are permitted to wear a cloth face covering on the field during gameplay, if physically able to do so, based on any directive of a medical provider or individual determination of player/parent/guardian
4. The manager meeting at home plate will be limited to one (1) coach from each team plus the umpire.
 - a. No players shall be part of the plate meeting
 - b. Participants must wear a cloth face covering
 - c. If possible, eliminate the plate meeting
5. Dugouts
 - a. Refer to the Expanded Dugouts document for information on dugout spacing and changes
 - b. Teams will remove all trash from their dugout area after each game.



6. Player Equipment

- a. Player equipment will be spaced (6ft) along the perimeter of the dugout area
- b. Players must provide their own batting helmet, bat, and glove
- c. Avoid sharing equipment where feasible
 - i. Critical equipment, such as catcher's gear, is not required to be purchased by every player and will be provided by the league. When it is necessary to share critical equipment, all surfaces of each piece of equipment must be cleaned with the provided supplies and sufficient time allowed for the equipment to dry before being used by a new player. Increased attention is to be paid to the cleaning of equipment that may come into contact with a player's head or face.
 - ii. Individually owned equipment is not to be shared
- d. Players are strongly encouraged to disinfect their equipment after each use
- e. Coaches and managers will disinfect all league owned/provided equipment at the conclusion of each game or practice

7. Umpires

- a. The umpire will be positioned behind the pitcher and in front of second base
 - i. During games with two (2) umpires (Intermediate division and above only), one may be positioned behind the plate but must wear a face covering at all times
- b. Umpires will limit their contact with the ball (i.e. catchers will retrieve foul balls and passed balls where possible)

8. Baseballs and Softballs

- a. Game balls should periodically be wiped down with the provided disinfectant and put back into play or replace with a new ball
- b. Baseballs and softballs used during warmups must be isolated from game balls
- c. Catchers and players active in the field will retrieve foul balls and those that leave the field of play
- d. No spectators shall retrieve any ball

9. Food and Drink

- a. Managers, coaches, volunteers, and players will bring their own personal and clearly labeled drinks
- b. Food and/or snacks will not be permitted in the dugout area
 - i. If medically necessary, food shall be kept in possession of the player's parent
- c. Managers, coaches, volunteers, and players will not share food or drinks
- d. Sunflower seeds, gum, etc. are not allowed in the dugout area or playing field
- e. There is no spitting in the dugout area, playing field, and all other recreation center areas.

10. As per New York State, a maximum of two (2) spectators per player will be allowed to attend each game

11. Post-Game Activities

- a. Team handshakes/high fives are eliminated
 - i. Teams may instead tip their hats from the dugout area



- b. Players and families will vacate the field/recreation center within 15 minutes of the conclusion of their game to minimize unnecessary contact with players, coaches, and spectators from the next scheduled game
- 12. All rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the Village of Floral Park Recreation center will be followed by all managers, coaches, volunteers, players and spectators
 - a. In the event of conflicting guidelines, the more restrictive option will be in force

Floral Park Little League is a chartered member of Little League International and has adopted LLI guidelines relating to COVID-19 (and as applicable the CDC, New York State Department of Health and Nassau County Department of Health). The resumption of recreational sports was authorized under Phase III of the New York Forward reopening plan. Adherence to the protocols above will ensure we are providing the safest environment possible for every FPLL participant. Floral Park Little League reserves the right to suspend and/or cancel the season at any time.

Any questions regarding this document can be directed to the Floral Park Little League Safety Officer, Tom Van Buskirk, at contactfpll@yahoo.com

