



Floral Park Little League 2020 Return to Play 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 2020 season, each player must submit a signed copy of the 2020 Covid-19 waiver.

Protocols for a Safe Return to Play

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, worsening respiratory symptoms or any known exposure, within the last 14 days, to a person with COVID-19 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.
3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - a. All managers, coaches, volunteers, umpires etc. are required to wear a cloth face covering in all instances where six (6) feet of social distancing is challenging, inconsistent, or not feasible.
 - b. Players are required to wear a cloth face covering 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
 - c. Cloth face coverings will be considered part of the uniform and required equipment that must be brought to every league activity
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. Teams must spread players out to accommodate social distancing (6 feet) by expanding the dugout area when space permits and only if player safety will not be compromised.
 - b. Floral Park Little League will provide coaches with a list of approved areas for dugout spacing
 - c. Expansion of dugout areas should not extend into foul ball areas and must be behind a fence
 - d. If proper spacing cannot be accommodated, refer to item 2 regarding PPE requirements
 - e. Players will remain in their assigned spots while in the dugout area
6. Upon arrival to their dugout area, team managers and coaches will use the provided sanitizing supplies to address all high touch areas, including but not limited to fence posts, bat racks, and benches
7. Teams will remove all trash from their dugout area after each game. Managers and coaches will use the provided supplies to once again address high touch areas.
8. Player Equipment
 - a. Player equipment will be properly spaced (6ft) along the perimeter of the dugout area
 - b. Players are strongly encouraged to 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. When a player becomes a baserunner, a manager or coach will retrieve the player's bat by the barrel and place it in the appropriate location. The manager or coach will then use the provided hand sanitizer to clean their hands.
 - e. Players are strongly encouraged to disinfect their equipment after each use
 - f. Coaches and managers will disinfect all league owned/provided equipment at the conclusion of each game or practice
9. Umpires
 - a. The umpire will be positioned behind the pitcher and in front of second base
 - i. During games with two (2) umpires, 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)
10. Baseballs and Softballs
 - a. Baseballs and softballs will be rotated every two (2) innings
 - i. Balls may be wiped down with the provided disinfectant and put back into play
 - b. Baseballs and softballs used during warmups must be isolated from game balls



- i. Coaches, managers, and volunteers will include such warmup and practice balls in their equipment cleaning routine
 - 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
 - 11. Food and Drink
 - a. Managers, coaches, volunteers, and players will bring their own personal and clearly labeled drinks
 - i. Reusable containers should be cleaned and disinfected after each use
 - 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. Managers, coaches, volunteers, and players are required to refrain from spitting in the dugout area, playing field, and all other recreation center areas.
 - 12. As per New York State, a maximum of two (2) spectators per player will be allowed to attend each game
 - 13. 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
 - 14. 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

