

Fayetteville Manlius Little League

2021 Spring Season – Play resumption Guidelines

Overview

This play resumption plan is designed to create a safe environment for players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and members of their household or immediate family while they are participating in youth baseball and softball activities at the Fayetteville Manlius Little League (FMLL).

Universal Guidelines

All persons involved with FMLL (coach, player, volunteer, umpire, spectator, employees) must abide by these universal guidelines while at the facilities:

- If you or a member of your household are sick, please stay home.
- If you or a member of your household becomes sick or begins experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, notify FMLL and please keep your child home. Contact FMLL safety officer Steve Russell at 315-761-8839.
- All participants are required to monitor their symptoms before arriving to practice or games.
- Practice social distancing (minimum of 6 feet distance) when outside at all times when not around your immediate family or other household members. When not able to socially distance wear a well secured paper or cloth mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- Frequently wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer: especially after touching surfaces.
- No spitting, eating of sunflower seeds, or chewing gum on FMLL premises.
- No shared food or water cooler are permitted at this time.
- Players should ensure they have their own water bottle for all games.

Coach/Volunteer Guidelines

Coaches, managers, and other assistants must follow these guidelines:

- If players do not have their own gear, gear will be disinfected before another player uses that gear.
- Minimize number of coaches and assistants for games/practices.
- Clean/disinfect high touch surfaces and equipment as needed.
- At no time should coaches congregate players in the dugout for a team meeting or any other purpose. Team meetings before and after the game are discouraged unless social distancing is ensured.

- Coaches must maintain 6 feet social distancing guidelines during games and when interacting with players (visits to the mound, talking with the batter, base-coach conversations).
- Coaches should wear masks at all times when unable to socially distance with players and other coaches.

Player Guidelines

Players are to follow these guidelines at all times:

- Players are encouraged to have their own equipment including bat, glove, and helmet.
- Players are encouraged to have hand sanitizer available and they must have a mask available.
- Players who do not have their own helmet will be provided a helmet by the league and will utilize that helmet for the duration of the season.
- Players arriving without a glove will not be permitted to play in the game.
- When in the field of play and during practices mask wearing is optional.
- When social distancing is not possible mask wearing is required.
- Use or touch only their own equipment.
- Players must bring their own beverage and must not share with anyone else.
- Follow dugout and social distancing requirements.

Umpire Guidelines

- Wear face mask if unable to social distance.
- Passed balls and foul balls will be retrieved by players.
- Pre-game player's equipment check is visual only.

Game Guidelines

- Pregame, in-game, and post-game guidelines to be followed at all times.
- Game field must be exited completely and dugout and high touch surfaces wiped down before another team arrives on the field.
- No pre-game meeting at the plate with umpires and coaches.
- Teams will make effort to utilize same ball for in game warm ups.
- Encourage that all people retrieving a bat do so by picking up the bat on the barrel and not the handle.
- Coaches will maintain social distancing during games or wear a mask while interacting with players (i.e.-visits to the mound, assisting an injured player).
- No physical contact celebrations between players.
- End of game- line up socially distanced and tip caps to the other team.

- Players will remain in their dugout or roped off area for the game. If they use the bathroom follow guidelines for bathroom usage.

Practice Guidelines

- Players should arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before practice and leave no later than 15 minutes after practice.
- Coaches will monitor to ensure that pre practice and post practice that players are ensuring social distancing or wearing masks.
- No dugout use for practice.
- Players should be encouraged to place their equipment six feet from their teammates.
- Coaches should ensure that there is limited interaction between teams entering and exiting the FMLL fields.

Family Member Guidelines

Household and immediate family members are to follow these guidelines at all times.

- Household or immediate family only (parents, guardians, siblings, grandparents) will attend games.
- All spectators are responsible for ensuring they socially distance and when unable to wear a mask.
- Do not retrieve foul ball.
- It is encouraged that no more than 2 spectators per player attend each game.

Equipment Guidelines

- Players are not to share equipment.
- Players who require equipment will be provided by FMLL and will return at the end of the season.
- Equipment bags should be spaced 6 feet apart.
- Players must bring their own beverage.

Dugout Guidelines

- Only 1 coach inside the dugout.
- For all closed dugouts (Grevelding field) only three players maximum and players must wear masks.
- For other dugouts 6 feet social distancing. If social distancing is not possible players should wear masks.
- Players will remain in the roped off player sections during the games.

Concession Guidelines

- All individuals using concessions will wear a mask or ensure they are 6 feet socially distanced.
- Volunteers will wear a mask at all times.

Restroom Guidelines

- One occupant at a time.
- Wash hands thoroughly before exiting.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected after each game.

Covid Response/Event

The following protocol will be followed in the event that a player or coach tests positive for COVID during the season.

- Participants who exhibit COVID symptoms at a FMLL game or practice will be isolated and medical care for the individual will be sought; affected areas will be closed off and sanitized in a manner and timeframe consistent with CDC guidelines.
- FMLL will immediately notify state and local health officials about any suspected COVID exposure or case.
- FMLL will retain event schedule information, team rosters and volunteer information; the FMLL will provide this information to state and local health officials to assist in contact tracing of exposed/potentially infected individuals.
- FMLL will act in accordance with privacy laws and regulations and notify FMLL participants of a COVID exposure.
- FMLL will work with state and local health officials to determine necessary steps to take for games, practices and other FMLL events.

All FMLL guidelines are subject to change based on CDC and local health department guidance.

