



Dear Lake Mary Little League Families,

First, I want to welcome everyone back for the Lake Mary Little League Spring 2021 season. We are extremely excited to be playing baseball and softball again.

Obviously these are challenging times due to the COVID-19 situation, but I want to assure everyone that the safety of our players, volunteers and families is the number one priority of the LMLL Board of Directors. We have a great partnership with the City of Lake Mary and we have been actively coordinating with their Parks and Recreation staff on implementing steps and procedures that will create the safest possible environment for our games and practices.

Little League International has published a "Best Practices Guide" for conducting league activities during the Pandemic. Below is a link to the LL International's Best Practices Guide. LMLL will be using these guidelines as a baseline for our league activities.

<https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/best-practices/>

Some additional procedures we will be implementing based on coordination with City staff are as follows:

- We are working with City staff on installing hand sanitizer dispensers in each dugout. Managers will be provided with disinfectant supplies for equipment sanitization.
- We are eliminating the catcher in Single A baseball and Rookies softball in order to prevent multiple players from having to wear the same catching equipment in a game. We are also purchasing additional catching equipment for the upper divisions so they do not have to share equipment during a game.
- The bleachers will be reserved for players and coaches in order to reduce the amount of people in the dugout. We are encouraging families to bring their tailgate chairs and space out as much as possible.
- We have reduced the size of our lower division baseball teams. This will help with maintaining social distancing during practices and games.
- Increasing the time between games in order reduce the amount of people at fields during game days.

In addition to these procedures above, we really need your help in making our league activities a safe environment. Please remember there is a Seminole County ordinance requiring the use of face coverings in public. This ordinance applies to people outside when social distancing cannot be maintained. LMLL strongly encourages the wearing of face coverings by our families attending league activities. Face coverings will not be required for players on the field per Seminole County's ordinance for people engaged in exercise, however a player can choose to wear a face covering during practice or games.

One of the most important things each of you control is your actions should you, a member of your household, or your child exhibit any of the symptoms related to COVID-19 as identified by the CDC. If that were to occur, please refrain from attending league activities until such time as recommended by your physician or health professional. Also please inform your manager if you are going to be absent from practices or games due to this reason.

I cannot stress enough how vital it is for the success of our season that we all work together to ensure a safe environment, so that our children can participate in and enjoy the upcoming Spring 2021. I am confident that if all of us put in the effort to follow these guidelines we will have a fun and successful season.

Thank you for being a part of Lake Mary Little League and we hope you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

Ben Bartlett  
President - Lake Mary Little League

