



LLLL Fall 2021 Safety/COVID Protocols

Lower Loudoun Little League is proud to be able to provide the outlet of recreational baseball to our players. As always, safety is paramount. We thank all our families for their support and ask for your patience as we try to navigate these unprecedented and trying times.

These protocols were developed with the consideration of [EO 72 and 79 Guidance](#), recommendations from the Virginia Department of Health and Loudoun PRCS.

Further Reading

- [Virginia Department of Health - COVID-19 in Virginia](#)
- [VDH Considerations for Recreational Sports - Coronavirus](#)
- [Safer at Home: Phase Three Guidelines for All Business Sectors](#)

Masks and Distancing Quick Reference

Players (in game)	Players (on sidelines)	Players (practice)	Coaches	Umpires	Spectators
Masks encouraged but not required	Masks encouraged & 10 feet of distancing	Masks encouraged when closer than 10 feet	Masks when 10 feet of distance cannot be maintained, unless fully vaccinated.	Preferred, required when 10 feet distance cannot be maintained, unless fully vaccinated.	Masks required when spectators cannot be 10 feet apart. (excluding household members), unless fully vaccinated.

Safety/COVID Protocols

1. All teams are required to have a dedicated COVID Coordinator. This is an additional Coach for the 2021 season and is not counted as one of the on-field coaches. The responsibilities of the COVID Coordinator are:
 - a. Ensure the Health Checks are completed in Teamsnap by ALL players and coaches before each event (practices, games, etc.)
 - b. Ensure players remain socially distanced while not on the field.
 - c. Ensure all spectators follow the appropriate protocols specific to spectators (below).
2. Before every event, parents must complete the Health Check Questionnaire for each player and adult non-player if applicable (coaches, managers, etc.)
3. Players:
 - a. Must remain socially distanced (10ft) when not on the field
 - b. May remove their masks when on the field of play or when socially distanced from other players and coaches
 - c. Must bring their own water/drink to practice. Sharing of snacks/food/drinks is prohibited at all events.
 - d. Must bring their own equipment (helmets, bats, gloves) unless otherwise specified.
 - e. All player's equipment must be stored outside the dugout. (See below)
4. Managers/Coaches:
 - a. Must remain socially distanced when not on the field unless fully vaccinated.
5. No spitting, chewing gum, or sunflower seeds.
6. Everyone is encouraged to wash and disinfect their hands before and after events.
7. Equipment:
 - a. On-field masks (Tee-ball) must be wiped down with disinfectant in between every use (every half inning)
 - b. Catcher's gear must be disinfected between each use if shared.
 - c. Each team will use their own baseballs when on the field (including games). Balls should be wiped down as often as possible.
 - d. While we strongly encourage players to provide their own bats, in the event that a bat needs to be shared it must be wiped down in between each use.
8. Dugouts
 - a. Only the on-deck batter and one coach are permitted in the dugout
 - b. The dugout will be extended down the line so that the players may remain socially distanced and store their equipment along the fence line.
 - c. Parents are encouraged to bring a folding chair for the player and possibly an umbrella or small canopy for shade on hot days.
9. There are no post game handshakes. It is suggested that the players lineup on the foul lines, socially distanced, and tip their cap to congratulate the other team.

10. Spectators:

- a. Bleachers may be used by spectators if they are not being used for player overflow. Spectators are asked to bring their own chairs and socially distance.
 - b. Must maintain 10 feet of physical distance between spectators who are not family members, unless fully vaccinated.
11. In the event of a player or coach testing positive for COVID-19, the league Safety Officer should be notified immediately and the player or coach should not attend any more events until cleared. Upon receiving the notification, the league will take the following actions:
- a. Notify all parents and players on the team and any teams which may have been in contact per VDH guidance <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/local-exposure>".
 - b. Determine the best course forward by working with all provided guidelines and the local health department.