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Guide for parents, players, coaches, umpires, board members and staff to restart Little League Baseball at University Little League. Based on the current information known through our national, state, county and city governments as well as health officials and medical agencies, we feel it is incumbent on our league to do our best to provide the framework for playing baseball in a safe manner, for both the kids and family members that attend games at ULL. ***Furthermore, we recognize that these protocols will be subject to updates as more information/direction from the aforementioned leaders and agencies provide more direction to our community.***

## 2. CRITERIA FOR PLAY

No signs or symptom of Covid 19 (requiring negative responses from the below questions) in the last 10 days.

PARENTS WILL NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING THAT THEIR CHILD CAN ANSWER NEGATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BEFORE BRINGING THE CHILD TO PRACTICE OR THE BALLPARK

- A. Do you have a fever > 100.4?
- B. Do you currently have a cough or shortness of breath (other than asthma)?
- C. In the past 10 days, have you or anyone in your household been exposed to any individuals who have been diagnosed with Covid-19?
- D. Are you experiencing the following symptoms?
  - i. Chills or shaking?
  - ii. Muscle aches or pains?
  - iii. New loss of taste or smell?
  - iv. Vomiting or diarrhea?
  - v. Sore Throat?
  - vi. Cough?
  - vii. Fever?

### 3. IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED AN EVENT AT ULL AND TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID 19:

- A. It is your responsibility to notify us **IMMEDIATELY** to prevent future spread. Notify your team and any others you have been in contact so they may self-quarantine or take further action as needed. Thank you for your help on this important matter.
- B. At this time, agencies are recommending 14-day quarantine for anyone diagnosed with Covid-19 or anyone who has come into close contact with an infected person. ULL will follow these guidelines for permitting return to baseball. This is consistent with guidelines provided by state and national authorities.

#### What counts as close contact?

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more
  - You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
  - You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
  - You shared eating or drinking utensils
  - They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you
- C. People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again. People who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID-19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.

### 4. PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE AND GAME PROTOCOLS

- A. Only Players, Coaches, and Umpires on the field
- B. No shared equipment (includes bats and catching gear)
- C. Players will be encouraged to wear gaiters or masks in dugouts and practice social distancing at every available opportunity
- D. Umpires will not officiate from behind home plate will be required to have a face covering on at all times
- E. ULL will recommend social distancing for all attendees in the stands with the following additional recommendations/requirements:
  - i. Face coverings ***are mandatory*** for everyone (over age of 10) that is entering in the ULL ballpark. Spectators/non-participants must wear a face covering at all times.

- ii. Only one spectator attend each practice, scrimmage or game per participant and required social distance from other fans/parents. If State or Local orders require us to reduce the number of spectators, each team must comply.
- iii. All spectators must follow social distancing guidelines as outlined by the State, Local, and Municipal authorities, which include maintaining a 6-foot distance between you and other spectators.
- iv. Maintain social distancing at bathrooms
- v. Each player is expected to bring their own water and equipment
- vi. Attendance at practices, scrimmages and/or games by others will be at their own risk and will constitute a waiver of liability against ULL for all such attendees related to Covid-19.
- vii. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and social distancing in the stands will be necessary
- viii. No huddles with coaches
- ix. Teams to clear out of the dugout and baseball field promptly after their game has concluded.
- x. Teams must practice social distancing during warm ups and in/around batting cages

## 5. BEST PRACTICES

- A. Encourage social distancing when not actively engaged in play
- B. Grandparents or those at high risk are encouraged not to attend
- C. No unattended children/siblings
- D. Parents make the final decision on whether their child should participate (assuming no affirmative answer to above questions)
- E. We will have limited concessions available this season – only accepting credit cards and exact change
- F. No handshakes or high fives with team or coaches. After game, line up on the baseline from the corresponding dugout and do a hat lift/wave in lieu of shaking hands with the other team
- G. Leave the field immediately after your practice, scrimmage or game
- H. Wall ball and other play-based gatherings off the field will not be allowed

6. WHILE WE REMAIN OPTIMISTIC WE CAN COMPLETE THE SEASON, WE DO EXPECT SOME POSITIVE TESTS TO OCCUR. WE ARE TAKING THESE STEPS TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR ULL FAMILIES.

7. WE WILL HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH **URGENT CARE FOR KIDS** TO HELP WITH THE TESTING FOR ANY PARTICIPANT THAT MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED AT ULL OR FEELS THEY HAVE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19.

- i. ULL is aware the wait time for Covid-19 test results can be 8-10 days in many cases. The league has partnered with Urgent Care for Kids to provide rapid Covid-19 testing for all players, coaches and umpires with SAME DAY results. If you choose to have a rapid test conducted at Urgent Care for Kids, your insurance will be billed for the test and ALL OTHER FEES ARE WAIVED (\$50 discount) as a special discount to ULL. This test is typically covered by most insurance and Medicaid and uninsured patients can receive the test free through the CARES ACT. For more detailed information, visit

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8. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM EMIST, WHICH WILL PROVIDE DISINFECTION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE LEAGUE'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY OF OUR PLAYERS, COACHES, UMPIRES, PARENTS AND SPECTATORS. REGULAR TREATMENTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON WILL OCCUR: FOCUSING ON HIGH TOUCH-POINTS, DUGOUTS, BATHROOMS AND CONCESSIONS. TREATMENTS WILL CONSIST OF APPLYING SAFE EPA APPROVED DISINFECTANT AND A COVALENT BOND CHEMICAL (BARRIER SURFACE PROTECTION) ELECTROSTATICALLY. IF THERE IS A REPORTED COVID-19 CASE; ADDITIONAL CLEANING AND DISINFECTION WILL BE PROVIDED.