# **Return to Play Plan**

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# **Beverly Hills Little League**

## **Overview**

This 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 with Beverly Hills Little League in Beverly Hills Michigan.

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#### **Universal Guidelines**

All persons using Beverly Hills Little League (coach, player, volunteer, umpire, spectator, employee) must abide by these universal guidelines while at the fields.

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 Beverly Hills Little League.

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 that covers your nose and mouth (PPE)

When inside, wear PPE.

Frequently wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching surfaces (doorknobs, light switches, gate latches, handles, etc.)

No spitting, eating of sunflower seeds, or chewing of gum on the fields.

When parking on the premises, please use best efforts to park with one space between each vehicle.

## **Coach Guidelines**

Coaches, managers, and other assistants follow these guidelines:

Disinfect multi-used items (bats, helmets, catchers equipment) if players do not have their own.

Minimize number of coaches and assistants for games/practices.

Clean/disinfect team equipment.

Clean/disinfect high touch surfaces before and after each game/practice.

#### **Player Guidelines**

Players are to follow these guidelines at all times:

When not in the field, they must wear PPE if not able to keep social distancing.

When in the field of play, wearing PPE is optional.

Use or touch only their own equipment.

If they do not have their own equipment, use team's which will be cleaned between uses.

Bring their own beverage and do not share.

Follow dugout guideline

# **Umpire Guidelines**

Umpires are to follow these guidelines at all times: Wear PPE if unable to keep social distancing. Plate umpire will be calling from behind the pitcher Base umpires will keep distance in set-up positions. Umpires will not handle baseballs. Pass balls, 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:

Show up maximum of 30 minutes before game time.

Game field must be exited completely and cleaned by previous teams before new teams enter the field and dugouts.

15 minute maximum pre-game warm-ups for each team.

No pre-game meeting at the plate with umpires and coaches.

New baseball/softball every inning.

Between inning warm-ups must use same ball.

Foul balls will be retrieved by players only, not spectators, not coaches, not umpires. If touched by another, the ball will be disinfected before being reintroduced.

No physical contact celebrations between players (i.e. high fives, fist bumps, etc).

End of game - line-up out front of dugouts and tip hats in good sportsmanship.

All high touch surfaces must be sanitized before any other team is permitted on the field or in the dugout.

Clean and disinfect common contact points of field. Dugouts, fences, gate latches, benches, bleachers, etc.

Must leave premises no later than 30 minutes after the end

# **Equipment Guidelines**

Guide to equipment use at all times:

Players are not to share their equipment.

Players who need equipment, will use team's equipment.

If team equipment is used, it must be disinfected after each use.

Equipment bags are to be placed outside of dugout separated from each other.

Players must bring their own beverages.

New baseball/softball must be used every inning.

Warm-up baseballs between innings must be the same.

#### **Dugout Guidelines**

Guide to dugout use at all times:

Only 1 bench coach in the dugout during teams batting inning.

Players to wear mask on the bench while waiting to go up and bat.

Coaches to social distance (in dugout) while players are in the field.