

# Princeton Little League



#### **COVID-19 PREPARATION PLAN**

### **General Preparation**

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- Only players, approved coaches and volunteers are allowed on the field and in the dugout area
- Players may only come to their designated session
- Session start times will include a gap to limit contact between groups at the field or parking area, and allow for sanitization of the dugout areas between sessions
- Bathrooms are cleaned regularly by PRD
  - Limited occupancy as per signs at facility
- Individuals should remain 6 feet apart from one another whenever possible, and masks or cloth face covering are required when social distancing is not possible
- COVID-19 policies will be distributed to all participants and posted at the field
- Signs will be posted in highly visible locations around the filed reminding participants and spectators
  - Social distancing protocols
  - Face covering requirements
  - Good hygiene practices
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the dugouts
- All coaches will be given hand sanitizer
- Participants and spectators must adhere to precautions outlined in the COVID-19
   Preparation Plan
  - o Failure to abide by the regulations will result in removal from the program
- Participants/spectators should not come to sessions if they or any family members are unwell or are showing signs of COVID-19
- Participants/spectators should not come to sessions if they or any family members have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Persons in higher risk groups (adults 65 year and older, or people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions) are strongly recommended not to attend at this time
- Families should contact the league (info above) if they or someone in their household become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Following the guidance of local health officials, the league will notify coaches and families immediately of anyone with COVID-19 while maintaining that person's confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- If any coaches, volunteers or players get sick, they should not return until they have met CDC's <u>criteria to discontinue home isolation</u>.



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- As medical and government guidance changes, our polices will change as well. Any
  updates to our protocols will be communicated to participants.
  - o NJ Department of Health COVID information
  - o NJ DoH COVID Guidance for Sports Activities
  - o Princeton Department of Health

#### At the Field

- Participation at each session will be limited to rostered, scheduled players only.
- Session sizes will be limited to 20 players
- Practice activities are structured to minimize close contact between players
  - Social distancing reinforced during drills
- Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to participate
  - Symptom questionnaire (<u>CDC info</u>)
- As of May 17, 2021, NJ travel advisory is no longer in effect
  - Travel-status check (NJ DoH info)
- Participants who feel unwell during the activity will be removed from the activity and instructed to return home
- MASKS
  - Spectators are encouraged to wear masks or cloth face in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained
  - Players and Coaches must wear masks or cloth face coverings in the dugouts regardless of vaccination status. They are encouraged to wear them on the field of play, but are not required to while participating in drills or game activities

#### EQUIPMENT

- All players must provide their own playing equipment. This includes:
  - Baseball mitt
  - Batting helmet
  - USA Baseball-approved bat
- There is no sharing of personal equipment among players
- Catchers will each have their own gear, not to be shared among players. The gear will be provided by the league for individual use during the season if the players do not have their own

#### FOOD AND DRINK

- All participants and coaches must bring their own water/sports drink. No sharing of beverages or team coolers are allowed
- No food is allowed in the dugout areas
- o No gum or sunflower seeds or spitting of any kind

### BASEBALLS

 Each session will be provided a bucket of practice baseballs. There is no sharing of practice baseballs between sessions



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- DUGOUT AREA
  - Designated volunteers will monitor the dugout areas and remind players of face covering requirements and social distancing protocols
  - Only players and designated volunteers are allowed in the dugout area
- No handshakes, high-fives or team huddles
  - o Group instruction by coaches will be done on-field in a socially distanced setting
  - o Players will tip their caps post-game rather than a traditional handshake line
- Sessions must end at their appointed time. No extra innings
- Players should pack up and leave the dugout areas promptly so the dugouts can be cleaned before the next session

## **Spectators/Families**

- Families should not congregate in the parking lot
- Spectators are encouraged to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times. Face covering is required in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained