

## Covid guidelines and protocols for the fall 2021 season as of September 1, 2021

Encino Little League compiled our spring protocols with guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and Little League International, along with other state and local guidelines.

All Little League managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, and families are required to review and sign these guidelines below. This guidance will continue to be updated to reflect best practices guidance as information is further developed around COVID-19 mitigation.

### 1. For participants:

- A. Face coverings will be encouraged when playing and required while in the dugout
- B. Sharing of equipment is discouraged. This includes, but is not limited to bats, batting helmets, gloves, catchers gear, and water bottles.
- C. There will be no handshaking allowed after games.
- D. Health screening will be required before games and practices. **Please do not send your children to the complex if they may be ill.**
- E. If a member or coach of a team tests positive, the team will be shut down for 2 weeks and require 2 negative tests before returning to practice or play as per the youth sports guidelines put out by the Department of Public Health.
- F. A weekly negative COVID test result is required for all participants ages 12 and older and all staff / coaches / volunteers. *Weekly school testing fulfills this obligation.* Per the Department of Public Health those that are fully vaccinated are exempt from this testing requirement.

### 2. For spectators

- A. Masks will be required for all spectators at all times
- B. Social distancing will be encouraged while inside the complex. Markers will be in place at the snack stand to maintain social distancing
- C. The Snack Stand is working on an online order system and will no longer accept cash. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and American Express.

- D. Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the facility and handwashing will be encouraged.

Please be aware that the youth sports guidelines can and will change as the rate of transmission in the state changes and as the youth sports guidelines change. Enclosed is a link to the youth sports reopening guidelines.

[http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening\\_YouthSports.pdf](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_YouthSports.pdf)

In conclusion we ask for each of you to be respectful to the other parents, children, volunteers and spectators. Please do all that you can to make sure those around you are comfortable coming to the facility. We understand that everyone comes to the facility with different experiences, opinions and beliefs about the best way to protect themselves and their loved ones. We want to do everything we can to keep the children playing without fear or interruption.

Thank you,

Encino Little League Board