



# ELYRIA LITTLE LEAGUE

## T-BALL - SOFTBALL - BASEBALL

May 18, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Safety Plan

Dear Elyria Little League parents, players, managers/coaches, volunteers, and all spectators:

This information provided herein represents Elyria Little League's current COVID-19 safety guidelines for the 2020 Little League Season and follows the sector specific operating requirements, Sports and Sports Leagues as defined by Ohio Department of Health and Lorain County Public Health. **If any parents, players, and spectators are uncomfortable and/or feel unsafe due to any of the guidelines, we ask that you please stay home.** Website: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Baseball-Softball.pdf>

The following guidelines being provided are mandatory, and as follows:

1. Arrival to Venue (ELL Fields)
  - a. All participants, spectators, and board members must adhere to the six-foot physical distancing while at the facility and fields.
  - b. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation at home). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
  - c. No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
  - d. Compliant game balls must be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.
  - e. Prior to competitive tournaments, event owners must alert the local health department of the event.
  - f. These requirements must be shared prior to the event with all players, coaches, spectators, officials, employees prior to their arrival to the fields.
2. Practice (ELL Fields)
  - a. Managers/Coaches must adhere to physical six-foot distancing except when the ball is in play
  - b. Coaches must wear face coverings at all times.
  - c. Athletes must wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play.
  - d. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation at home). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
3. Athletes (players participating in Little League)
  - a. Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices off the field of play.
  - b. Must wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play.
  - c. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation at home). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
  - d. Must not share water or equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats (or helmets), and other on-off field gear.
  - e. No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans, S “tip the cap” gesture can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
  - f. For T-ball Coaches and players,
  - g. No spitting or eating seeds, gum, other similar products.
4. Spectators (ELL Fields)
  - a. Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices. This includes in and around bleachers and other open areas around the fields for anyone not in the same family.
  - b. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation at home). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*

*\* Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell*



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- c. Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).
  - d. Must keep six-feet or more distance from the backstop.
5. Coaches
- a. Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.
  - b. Must wear face coverings at all times.
  - c. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation at home).  
Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
  - d. No spitting or eating seeds, gum, other similar products.
  - e. No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans, S “tip the cap” gesture can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
  - f. Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 related prevention measures included herein.
6. Umpire/Officials (ELL Fields)
- a. Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices off the field of play.
  - b. Must wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play.
  - c. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation at home).  
Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.\*
  - d. Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.
7. Leaving the Venue (ELL Fields)
- a. Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following the event or practice.
  - b. Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.
  - c. Individuals should not exchange items.
8. Confirmed Cases (at ELL Fields)
- a. Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
  - b. Contact Lorain County Public Health about suspected cases or exposure.
  - c. Organizer must maintain a complete list of coaches, players and volunteers present at each event to include the date, beginning and ending time of the event, plus name, address, and phone contact to be made available upon request from Lorain County Public Health.

Elyria Little League will update the above guidelines if necessary, in accordance with information provided to us by the State of Ohio.

Please contact Brian Rico or any other ELL board member should you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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