



Ocean Township Little League COVID-19 2021 Season Protocols:

- Coaches/Players/Parent/Spectators with COVID Related Symptoms or Positive Case(s)
 - Following the NJ Department of Health, anyone who has tested positive for COVID or been in close contact with someone who has, may return to Ocean Township Little League fields when one of the below is true:
 - Documented proof of a negative COVID-19 test & remain fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine & symptoms have improved, or
 - If COVID -19 testing is positive the person needs to stay home for a 10 day isolation period & 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medicine & other symptoms have improved, or
 - If no COVID-19 testing is done, all household contacts must stay home for the 14 day quarantine period
 - Anyone in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case may not return to the OTLL fields unless they have been fully vaccinated in compliance with CDC terms. Positive case(s) must quarantine per the above, regardless of vaccination status.
- Travel
 - If you visit NY, PA, CT and DE there is no quarantine required.
 - If you visit any other state and or country you must quarantine before returning to Little League:
 - Test 3-5 days after returning to NJ: with negative results, total quarantine of 7 days if asymptomatic
 - If not tested, quarantine 10 days if asymptomatic
 - Per CDC, travel quarantine no longer applies to fully-vaccinated individuals.
- No Handshakes/Personal Contact Celebrations:
 - Players and coaches should take measures to prevent all but the essential contact necessary to play the game. This should include refraining from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc. Little League International suggests lining up outside the dugout and tipping caps to the opposing team as a sign of good sportsmanship after a game.
 - Players and families should vacate the field/facility as soon as is reasonably possible after the conclusion of their game to minimize unnecessary contact with players, coaches, and spectators from the next game, ideally within 15 minutes. Teams should use the large outfield gates to enter the field, and use the smaller dugout gates to exit.
- Drinks and Snacks:
 - Athletes, managers/coaches, and umpires should bring their own personal drinks to all team activities. Drinks should be labeled with the person's name.
 - Individuals should take their own drink containers home each night for cleaning and sanitation or use single-use bottles.
 - There should be no use of shared or team beverages.
 - Teams should not share any snacks or food. Players should bring individual, pre-packaged food, if needed.

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
 - All managers/coaches, volunteers, umpires, etc., should wear PPE whenever applicable and possible, such as cloth face coverings.
 - Players should wear cloth face coverings when in close contact areas and in places where recommended social distancing is challenging or not feasible, such as in dugouts.
 - Players should not wear protective medical gloves on the field during game play.
 - Players, especially at younger divisions, are not required to wear a cloth face covering while on the field during game play.
 - Players will be permitted to wear a cloth face covering on the field during game play, if physically able to do so, based on any directive of a medical provider or individual determination of the player/ parent/guardian/caretaker.
- Dugouts:
 - Managers/coaches and players should follow social distancing recommendations the dugout or on the bleachers so that they are at least six feet apart and must be placed behind a fence.
 - If social distancing is not possible in the dugout, players and managers/coaches should wear a cloth face covering.
 - There should be no more than three (3) players in the dugout at one time. All other players should be lined up along the fence at least six feet apart with their equipment.
- Player Equipment:
 - No personal player bat bags/equipment bags should be allowed in the dugout. Player equipment should be spaced accordingly outside the field along the fence to prevent direct contact.
 - Players should have their own individual batter's helmet, glove, bat, and catcher's equipment. Measures should be enacted to avoid, or minimize, equipment sharing when feasible. Some critical equipment may not be able to be obtained by every individual. When it is necessary to share critical or limited equipment, all surfaces of each piece of shared equipment must be cleaned first and then disinfected with an EPA approved disinfectant against COVID-19 and allowed sufficient time to dry before used by a new player. Increased attention should be paid to detailed cleaning of all equipment directly contacting the head and face (catcher's mask, helmets).
 - Player's equipment (e.g. bags, helmets, bats, gloves, etc.) should be cleaned and disinfected after each use by a parent/ guardian/caretaker, where applicable.
 - Individuals disinfecting equipment are encouraged to use gloves while using disinfectants and follow the manufacturer's directions for use. All disinfectants should be stored properly, in a safe area, out of the reach of children.
 - Players should not share towels, clothing, or other items that they may use to wipe their face or hands
- Baseballs and Softballs:
 - Baseballs and softballs should be rotated through on a regular basis, at least every two innings, to limit individual contact.
 - Umpires should limit their contact with the ball, and catchers should retrieve foul balls and passed balls where possible.
 - Balls used in infield/outfield warm-up should be isolated from a shared ball container.
 - Foul balls landing outside the field of play should be retrieved by participating players, coaches, and umpires. No spectators should retrieve the ball.
- Spitting, Sunflower Seeds, Gum, etc.:
 - Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., should not be allowed in dugouts or on the playing field.
 - All players and coaches are to refrain from spitting at all times, including in dugout areas and on the playing field.