

Prescott Valley Little League

2021 COVID Guidelines

GENERAL OVERVIEW: This plan is intended to provide guidance for Prescott Valley Little League (PVLL) coaches, players, parents, board members and volunteers regarding mitigations surrounding the COVID-19 virus.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Players are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer for personal use

Until cleared by a medical professional, do not attend any PVLL activity if:

- Positive test for COVID-19
- Known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19
- Awaiting COVID-19 test results
- Symptoms of COVID-19 – fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, chills, headache, body aches, extreme fatigue, recent loss of taste or smell or any other symptom of COVID-19

ON-FIELD GUIDANCE: This section applies for any PVLL activity including practices and games.

- Post-game sportsmanship - Prescott Valley Little League suggests lining up outside the dugout and tipping caps to the opposing team as a sign of good sportsmanship after a game.
- After the practice/game – Players and families should vacate the field/facility as soon as reasonably possible after the conclusion of the practice/game to minimize unnecessary contact.
- Based on individual choice, face coverings may be worn by coaches, volunteers, umpires, players, spectators, etc.
- Dugouts – spread out players & equipment and disinfect surfaces to the extent possible.
- Player Equipment – Player equipment should be spaced accordingly to prevent direct contact. Recommend players have their own individual batter's helmet, glove, bat, and catcher's equipment.
- Players and coaches are to refrain from spitting, including in dugout areas and on the playing field.

GAME OPERATION AND UMPIRE GUIDANCE:

- Pre-Game Plate Meetings – Social distancing of six feet between individuals should be implemented during all pre-game plate meetings between teams and umpires. Plate meetings should only consist of one manager/coach from each team, and game umpires.
- Equipment Inspection – Players should place their individual equipment in a well-spaced out manner for inspection. Umpires should avoid direct contact with equipment.
- On-Field Volunteers – For each game, there should only be the required team coaches and umpires on the field. Scorekeeping should be done by team coaches or team parent/guardian via GameChanger.
- Field Preparation and Maintenance – Fields will be prepared and lined by Town of Prescott Valley staff prior to teams and spectators arriving at the complex.
- Umpire Placements – Umpires are permitted to be placed behind the pitcher's mound/circle to call balls and strikes. Umpires should keep a safe distance from players.

FACILITY, FAN, AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE:

- Clean and Disinfect Shared Equipment Surfaces – Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces after use, including practices and games.
- Spread Out Scheduling of Practices and Games – To the extent possible, practices and games will be scheduled to facilitate the complete evacuation of individuals from a previous practice or game from the premises before the next group enters.
- Spectator Attendance – spectators should follow social distancing guidelines and avoid direct contact with players/managers/coaches during play. Spectators should bring their own seating/portable chairs when possible.
- Public Restrooms – Use common sense and courtesy to others when using the restrooms.