



Salem Youth Baseball League
270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06420

Salem Little League

COVID-19 Reopening Safety Plan

In accordance with phase 2 of the State of Connecticut's reopening plan, Salem Little League (SYBL) will implement the following precautions to protect the health and safety of all players, coaches, volunteers, umpires, parents, and spectators. Although these precautions meet or exceed the State requirements for the resumption of sports activities, the hazards associated with COVID-19 cannot be fully mitigated, and all participants and their parents/guardians must fully understand this.

Personal Health Check

All coaches, volunteers and umpires shall complete a daily health self-screening to check for symptoms. If any symptoms are present, the individual shall refrain from being present for league activities and follow local health guidelines.

All parents/guardians should perform a health screening to check for symptoms of their player. If any symptoms are present, the player shall refrain from practice or games and follow local health guidelines.

Any individual experiencing the COVID-19 symptoms (listed below) or being positively diagnosed with COVID-19, via a physician or "positive" COVID-19 test result, should stay at home (following the guidance of their Physician) and cannot resume any league activities, until a physician has cleared them or another COVID-19 test is taken, with the result being "negative".

These symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, or any two of the following:

- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Personal Protection

Coaches are required to wear a facemask or cloth face covering whenever they are unable to maintain a 6-foot of physical distance from others.

Umpires will call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound and maintain 6 feet of separation from any player. Umpires are encouraged to wear a face covering, unless doing so would be contrary to their health or safety due to a medical condition. There will only be one umpire per game only.

Players are encouraged to wear face coverings, when not engaged in active play (on the bench or in dugout area). While engaged in the active play of the game, players do not need to wear a face covering.

Spectators are required to wear face coverings when within 6-foot of persons not of their same household.



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Equipment and Personal Items

- All players shall possess their own glove. Exception being the shared team catcher's glove that will be disinfected between players.
- All shared catchers equipment will be disinfected between each individual players use, by a coach.
- We encourage players to use their own bat. If a player does not own a bat then please let us know and we will try to provide you with a bat to use (for this season only). If a league supplied, bat is in use at practices or games, then a coach will use a disinfectant to wipe/clean the bat, between players.
- All players shall possess their own helmet. If you do not own a helmet, the league will attempt to provide one to you (for the season). **TEAM HELMETS WILL NOT BE IN USE FOR PRACTICES OR GAMES.** Please use a marker to label your personal helmet.
- Players will not huddle at any time during practices or games.
- Spitting, sunflower seed eating and gum chewing will not be allowed during practices or games.
- No team snacks or meals.
- All players must supply their own water for practices and games, no "team" water coolers will be allowed.
- No handshakes, high fives or physical body contact allowed.
- It is recommended that parents send players with some form of hand sanitizer to be utilized during practices and games. Hand Sanitizer will be provided in dugout for players and coaches if needed to use between each inning.
- Players are not required to utilize a face covering during play, but one can be utilized at parent/player preference.
- All balls (game balls and practice balls) shall be disinfected before and after each practice or game.
- Each team shall have a volunteer parent or coach assigned to monitor compliance with these guidelines during practices and games.
- Reusable or disposable bottles must be clearly labeled with the player's name.



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Field Use (Practices)

To facilitate social distancing during practices Salem LL will ensure the following:

- Field use for practices will be limited to one team at a time except when teams may agree to participate in a scrimmage and will then follow the same precautions as those for regular scheduled games.
- To provide for adequate space the dugout as well as the area outside the foul line fence shall be used for players and equipment. Players and their equipment shall maintain at least a 6-foot distance from other players and their equipment.
- Coaches shall space participants out to maintain social distancing during practice whenever practical.
- Where social distancing is not practical coaches shall divide players into smaller groups to limit exposure.
- Players and coaches are asked to refrain from handshakes, high fives, and fist bumps during practices.
- Start and end times of practices shall be staggered at least 15 minutes to alleviate congestion of those arriving and departing the fields.
- Salem LL encourages players and coaches to leave the fields as soon as practice has concluded to avoid forming large congregate groups.

Field Use (Regular Scheduled Games)

To facilitate social distancing during regular scheduled games Salem LL will ensure the following:

- Field use for games will be limited to two teams, no more than three coaches per team, and umpires.
- To provide for adequate space the dugout as well as the area outside the foul line fence shall be used for players and equipment. Players and their equipment shall maintain at least a 6-foot distance from other players and their equipment.
- Teams lined up for the National Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance shall maintain six-foot separation between all persons.
- Players and coaches are asked to refrain from handshakes, high fives, and fist bumps during games.
- In place of the end game handshake a team cap tipping will be used.



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Field Use (Regular Scheduled Games) cont'd

- Spectators will be allowed to view the games from behind the outfield fence or other (non-player) designated areas. A 6-foot separation shall be maintained between groups from different households.
- Start and end times of games shall be staggered at least 30 minutes to alleviate congestion of persons arriving and departing the fields.
- Salem LL encourages all involved parties to leave as expediently as possible at the conclusion of games to avoid large congregate groups.

Concession Stand and Bathrooms

Due to the logistics involved with ensuring a safe and sanitized environment, the following provisions will be made:

- The concession stand shall not be opened during the 2020 summer season.
- The bathrooms shall remain closed during the 2020 summer season.

Summary

This plan was produced following the State of Connecticut Sector Rules for the June 17th reopen which were released on June 6th, 2020. It implements best practices to limit the exposure to COVID-19 of all persons involved in Salem LL events. It is important however to realize that currently there is no way to fully mitigate the potential for an exposure. This plan may be amended as more information or mandated requirements become available.