

Atlee Little League COVID-19 Guidelines

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The following guidance shall be followed by all Atlee Little League coaches, players, volunteers, and spectators to provide a safe atmosphere for our children to practice and play baseball and softball. These guidelines are subject to change, should additional guidance be provided by state and/or local officials. At any time, members of the Atlee Little League Board of Directors have the right to ask any person to abide by these guidelines. Noncompliance may result in being asked to go to the parking lot or leave the property. By participating in this season of Atlee Little League, all players and family members/guests agree to abide by these guidelines and any future revisions.

Health Guidelines

- Anyone who has any of the following should not be present at Atlee Little League facilities:
 - Symptoms of COVID-19,
 - Has either tested positive or been deemed presumed positive for COVID-19,
 - Shares a household with someone who has either tested positive or been deemed presumed positive for COVID-19, or
 - Has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more cumulative)

Please follow current [CDC COVID 19 guidelines](#) regarding symptoms or required quarantine/isolation periods.

- Keep players experiencing a fever of greater than 100.4° F at home.
- Atlee Little League will not be providing hand sanitizer to each team. Each family should provide hand sanitizer for their child's use.
- If a coach, player, or player's family member tests positive for COVID-19, please contact the [Atlee LL president](#) promptly. While we will respect privacy, we have also an obligation to the rest of the children and families at Atlee Little League to minimize risk of exposure and provide information on a possible exposure event if deemed necessary.

Pre/Post Game and Practice Guidance

- Do not crowd around the field while waiting for a game or practice to start.
- Arrive for a game or practice as instructed by the coach. Do not report early.
- Team meetings should be held away from the fields; other spectators should maintain proper physical distance.
- If using batting cages, have players keep their distance from one another.
- Promptly leave the field after games and practices.

On-Field Guidance for Coaches and Players

- Social Distancing during Practice
 - Coaches are encouraged to use small groups, stations, and other techniques at practice to promote social distancing as much as possible.
 - Coaches should minimize the number and duration of team huddles and drills where multiple players are grouped closely together.
- Physical Distancing in Dugout
 - When a team is at bat, they should still make every attempt to properly distance themselves. This will be accomplished as follows:
 - Fields 1-6 and 9 (Minors, Majors, Intermediate, Junior/Senior Divisions)
 - Each field will have a specific plan regarding the spacing of players in the dugout and utilizing bleachers to promote social distancing. This will be communicated to the team managers.
 - Field 7 & 8 (T-Ball and Coach-Pitch Divisions)
 - All players will be asked to sit with a parent when their team is up to bat and only come into the dugout area when they are on-deck.
 - When on defense, coaches and players should physically distance themselves in the dugout as much as possible.
- There will be no post-game handshake line. Instead, teams will line up on their respective foul lines and tip their cap to the opposing team.
- No high-fives, handshakes, fist bumps, etc.
- No spitting
- No shared snacks during or after games
- No sharing of water bottles/coolers
- No sharing of batting helmets
- If catcher's equipment needs to be shared, the face mask must be disinfected between players. Atlee Little League will provide managers with a spray bottle of disinfectant to be used. The catcher's position will not be used for Minors 6/7 and below.
- Players are not required to wear face coverings.
- Managers and coaches are required to wear face coverings when physical distancing cannot be maintained (e.g. while in dugouts, when closely instructing players, when meeting with umpires/coaches, etc.)
- Umpires are encouraged to wear face coverings when working behind the plate.
- Only 1 scoreboard operator/announcer is allowed in the scorer's box at a time.
- Scoreboard/PA equipment should be sanitized after use. Please wipe the controls with the sanitizer located where the scoreboard controls are stored.
- All trash must be cleaned up by each team prior to leaving the field.

Spectators

- Per current guidance, maximum two guests per player are permitted.
- Bleachers will not be available for spectator use. Spectators should bring their own chairs and/or blankets.
- Spectators are required to wear cloth face coverings over the face and mouth at all times when at the complex UNLESS sitting with a family member and 6 feet from other persons.
- Spectators should maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from all other spectators, players, and coaches unless they are part of the same household.
- All persons deemed “high-risk” by the CDC (greater than age 65 or people with serious underlying medical conditions) are strongly encouraged not to attend practices or games at this time.
- We ask that spectators do not congregate in large groups in the parking lots, under the pavilion, or near the concession stand. We are required to socially distance throughout the complex.