

## Summerville Little League P.O. Box 50786 Summerville, SC 29485



## **RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES**

Social Distancing Guidelines Remain in Effect – All individuals in attendance must adhere to social distancing requirements for anyone not in the same family. Violators will be given 2 warnings, after those warnings they will be asked to leave the park for the remainder of that day. Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lots following an event or practice. Posters, signs and other visual communication tools will be displayed throughout the park to remind visitors of social distancing requirements and other steps to prevent the spread of COVID- 19.

SLL will maintain (state requirement) a complete list of coaches, players, and employees 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 local health department. Parents will sign in with the Coaches or Team Mom at every event, to provide this information, others in attendance (siblings, grandparents, nieces, nephews, ...) will also be noted.

Event organizers, staff, coaches, players, umpires/officials must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Individuals – including but not limited to players, coaches, umpires/officials, parents/guardians accompanying minors, and spectators – will not be allowed to attend if they have been sick or if they are feeling sick. Anyone who experiences symptoms associated with COVID-19 or otherwise becomes ill during activity, will be required to leave.

Coaches should wear face coverings when Social Distancing (6ft) cannot be maintained. This includes but is not limited to, while in the dugouts, mound visits, offense consultations and umpire meetings. Players are encouraged to wear face coverings when not actively participating on the field of play, provided the use of a face covering will not otherwise jeopardize the player's health.

The bleachers will be closed to spectators and relocated, as they will be used for extending the dugouts. Dugouts will be limited to 3-4 players and 1 coach. All other coaches remain outside the dugout where they will maintain proper Social Distancing protocol, either in a safe area on the field or outside the fence. No handshakes, high fives or fist bumps before, during, or after the game. Players should refrain from any unnecessary physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. Team coolers, water coolers or shared drinking stations are strictly prohibited. Dugouts will be spray disinfected before and after each game.

Parents are required to supply their player with alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Players will be required to use hand sanitizer before the game, after each inning and at the end of the game. Also before and after any practice.

Besides regular cleanings, the restrooms will be spray disinfected on an hourly basis during game days, please expect them to be closed at the start of every hour for 5-10 minutes. They will also be disinfected prior to evening practices. Please wear a mask when using the restroom. Maximum of 3 people per bathroom.

When feasible and in consideration of other impacts to personal health, umpires/officials should wear appropriate PPE during the game. When possible umpires/officials should maintain physical distance from players, coaches, spectators and staff. They should also avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators. Baseballs will be disinfected after each half inning with sanitizing wipes or sprays.

Activities that increase the risk of exposure to saliva will not be allowed. These activities include but are not limited to spitting, licking fingers, eating/spitting seeds, and use of chewing gum. Concession personnel will be required to wear masks and gloves. Only pre-packaged food and drinks will be sold during this summer season.

Children, staff and visitors should wash hands frequently and as directed by SCDHEC and the CDC. Hands should be washed with soap and water. Proper hand washing technique signage will be posted in restrooms and at all hand washing stations.