



## **MILFORD LITTLE LEAGUE**

### **2021 SEASON GUIDELINES**

#### **UNIVERSAL ITEMS:**

- All managers, coaches and umpires who cannot maintain 6' distancing shall equip a face covering that covers nose mouth and chin.
- All players shall possess their own Bat
- All players shall possess their own Glove. Exception being shared team catchers gloves that shall be disinfected between players for farms/majors/intermediate/juniors.
- All players shall possess their own Helmet (NO TEAM HELMETS WILL BE PROVIDED)
- All shared catchers gear equipment shall be disinfected in between each individual players use.
- No Spitting, No sunflower seed eating and No Gum Chewing.
- No team snacks or meals.
- All players must supply their own water for practices and games, no "team" water coolers will be allowed.
- No hand shakes, 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 common areas.
- Players are required to wear a face covering at all times with the following exceptions: players in the field occupying a non-catcher position and players running the bases after occupying first base.
- All players, 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.

#### **PRACTICES:**

- Coaches should be able to easily organize drills to include social distancing. This can be achieved by splitting the players up into small groups (2-4) placed at locations spread out around the diamond. Avoid queing/stacking of players, but if this is necessary training aids such as cones spread 6' or more apart shall be utilized to remind players about "social distancing"

- Practices shall be schedule with at least a 15 minute buffer to prevent overlap of players and allow for time to clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces and equipment.

#### **BATTING PRACTICE:**

- Queing/stacking of players shall be avoided at all times. Provide time slots to players within the allotted batting cage time so there is no more than 2-3 players there at any one time.

#### **GAMES:**

- Games will be scheduled with at least a 30 minute buffer to prevent overlap of participants.
- All participants, managers, coaches and other volunteers in the dugouts shall wear a face covering that covers the nose mouth and chin.
- Shared equipment (i.e. catchers gear) shall be disinfected in before and after each players use as well as in between each game and practice.
- No sharing of bats, non-catchers gloves, and helmets is allowed.
- No Post game hand shakes, both teams shall line up along their base line appropriately distances and tip the cap as a sign of respect for the other team's performance.
- No catchers will be utilized for T-Ball Division. A coach will be positioned against the backstop to retrieve any baseballs or move bats to safe area after an at bat.
- Spectators shall be encouraged to maintain 6' social distancing at all times.

**Comment [K01]:** Just to clarify, this is coaches, players and volunteers?

#### **Facility Guidelines:**

- Games, practices and batting practices will be scheduled with a 30 minute buffer between the end and start of each event for each field.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized/disinfected before and after each game.
- Concession stand usage at Lou Gehrig and Brewster will be limited to sale of prepackaged food and drink only.
- Concession stand at Ralph Clarkson is operated by an independent contractor, the League is waiting to hear back on their intent for the season. Restaurant Sector Rules required to be complied with for food service take-out operation. Written plan will be provided for approval by MHD by the independent contractor if they choose to open for this season.