



## Warwick North Little League

### COVID19 Policies & Procedures

April 28, 2021

Warwick North Little League (WNLL) is committed to providing children between the ages of 4 and 12 an opportunity to develop interpersonal competences, while learning fundamental baseball skills within a safe and competitive recreational environment.

To accomplish this, WNLL has always strived to be a leader within our community from the perspective of setting the standard when it comes to player health and safety.

Ultimately, WNLL wants to ensure that all practices and games are facilitated as scheduled, and without issue. Although the coronavirus, more commonly referred to as COVID19, is somewhat subsiding, WNLL recognizes that a risk is still ever present within our local community.

Governor McKee recently issued reduced guidelines for COVID19, many of which align to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). These reduced guidelines are effective May 7<sup>th</sup>, with exceptions to mask wearing in public being effective immediately for those who are fully vaccinated.

WNLL intends on maintaining compliance to State Executive Orders. To minimize potential impact to our league activities, we will also retain several controls until further notice.

Certainly, some of the controls we have in place may be cumbersome or not viewed as favorable, and we understand that. It is important for everyone to know that when crafting our league's response to COVID19, we have always examined three aspects, which are:

1. [State requirements](#) (not optional),
2. [Rhode Island Interscholastic League/Rhode Island Department of Health](#) guidance,
3. What is best for the safety of our players, volunteers, and all spectators.

Proceeding this letter, you shall find our COVID19 Policies and Procedures which will remain in effect until further notice.

We thank you in advance for your adherence to our policies and continued support, as we navigate through these trying times, and attempt to allow "kids to be kids" and play ball.

If you have any questions, please feel free email [Safety@WarwickNorth.com](mailto:Safety@WarwickNorth.com).

Thank you!

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## WNLL - COVID19 Policies and Procedures

### SECTION 1 - CONTACT TRACING:

- A. **Policy** – WNLL is required to provide to the Rhode Island Department of Health, upon request, a listing of names and contact information for any player who may have had contact with a confirmed case.
- B. **Purpose** – The Rhode Island Department of Health performs contact tracing to prevent the further spread of the virus within our local and Statewide communities.
- C. **Note** – Any direction provided to a player by the Rhode Island Department of Health will supersede instructions provided by WNLL (i.e., duration of quarantine). If a player is listed as a trace contact after attending a league organized event, their quarantine would implicate their ability to attend school or other events. For additional information, please visit <https://reopeningri.com/>

### SECTION 2 – REPORTING

- A. **Policy** – WNLL requires all players/parents to notify their Manager, Assistant Coach, or Division Director, immediately if they or someone within their household has been identified as a trace contact or a confirmed case. All cases should be reported to the [Safety Officer](#) for tracing, reporting, and evaluation. Additionally, no player should attend a practice or a game if they or someone within their household are displaying COVID19 like symptoms. For a listing of these symptoms, please see <https://reopeningri.com/>
- B. **Purpose** – WNLL will request that the player remains out of team activities until their specified quarantine period has concluded, to prevent further transmission of the virus. Immediate notification allows WNLL personnel to determine when the player was last in contact with their team.
- C. **Note** – Players who are ill should not attend a team activity until they have sustained (3) consecutive days without symptoms. To avoid this (3) day waiting period, a player may go for testing; upon receipt of negative test results, the player may return to team activities.

### SECTION 3 – FACE COVERINGS

- A. **Policy** – WNLL requires all players, managers, assistant coaches, volunteers, umpires, and spectators, to wear a face covering at all times. An individual being fully vaccinated does not remove a person from this requirement.
- B. **Purpose** – Face coverings are a control which minimizes the potential transmission of the virus through airborne particulates. Although an individual may be fully vaccinated, it has not yet been confirmed that the vaccine prevents an individual from transmitting or contracting the

virus.

- C. **Note 1** – Cases where players present medical documentation from a Physician, indicating that it is not safe for them to wear a face covering, will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.
- D. **Note 2** – Players are not required to actively wear a face covering when they are pitching or catching. Players in these positions should have their masks readily available to be put back on when they are leaving the field of play or convening in a mound discussion.
- E. **Note 3** – it is recommended that players regularly clean or disinfect their face covering after every practice or game, if they are not a single use face covering.

#### **SECTION 4 – SPECTATORS**

- A. **Policy** – Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be no spectator limit in effect; through May 6<sup>th</sup>, there can only be (2) spectators per player (ages 5 and under are not counted within the spectator total). Spectators are requested to physically distance themselves from the players, the field of play, and other spectators.
- B. **Purpose** – Physical distancing is considered an effective control in preventing the transmission of the virus.
- C. **Note** – The dugouts at Klitzner Field (large field at the Pit) are not being utilized by players until further notice. In lieu of this, players are spaced six feet apart and spread in front of the first set of bleachers closest to the dugouts. Spectators are restricted from sitting in the bleachers which are closest to the dugouts.

#### **SECTION 5 – EQUIPMENT/SNACKS/BEVERAGES**

- A. **Policy** – The sharing of equipment is prohibited, to include helmets, gloves, batting gloves, and bats. Team beverage coolers will not be available. Players are recommended to bring their own drink in a labeled container. Snacks such as sunflower seeds are prohibited, as they incite spitting.
- B. **Purpose** – Equipment will not be shared to prevent the transmission of the virus by way of contaminated objects. Spitting is not permitted to prevent the virus from being transmitted through airborne particulates.