



## BEVERLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE

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### Fall 2021 Season Safety Protocols

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- In compliance with recent state and county guidelines for youth sports during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Beverly Hills Little League (BHLL) has adopted the following updated program and safety protocols for the 2021 Baseball Season. Safety will always be BHLL's priority. BHLL will update these guidelines as necessary.
  
- ELIGIBLE PLAYERS AND COACHES
  - A coach in good standing with BHLL (including PCA certified in the past year) is eligible to volunteer.
  - Coaches will be required to be familiar with and enforce the League's safety protocols (see below).
  - All participants including coaches will have to sign a waiver of liabilities to participate in the Fall Program.
  - By participating in the league, all parents, guardians, adult coaches, and umpires agree to allow sharing of required SARS-CoV-2 testing results and vaccination status with whoever needs to know this information to satisfy testing and BHLL vaccination requirements and Los Angeles County mandated procedures for reporting of positive test results.
  
- FORMATION OF TEAMS
  - Fall Teams will be capped at 13 players and three coaches.
  - The teams will consist of the same players/coaches throughout the program.
  
- EQUIPMENT/SNACKS
  - Participants should bring their own equipment.
  - BHLL will supply necessary equipment to any participant lacking proper equipment due to financial challenges.
  - No equipment (e.g., gloves, bats, catcher's gear, etc.) or drink bottles or food will be shared at any time (participants should bring their own drinks and snacks).

- Participants may remove their face masks temporarily to eat or drink. When participants are eating or drinking, they should be encouraged to maintain a 6-foot distance from others.
  - Depending on the division, the league will provide one to two set of catching equipment for each team and each set of equipment should only be used by one player each day. The equipment shall be sanitized after each game.
- MASKS
    - Coaches, athletes, umpires, league officials, and family members are required to always wear masks. The lone exception is that kids may remove their masks when outside the dugout on the field of play.
    - Masks with one-way valves are not permitted.
    - Kids are encouraged to bring more than one mask to practice or games in case their mask gets wet or soiled during play.
    - Any player having trouble breathing while wearing mask must take a break.
    - Any player or coach who refuses to wear a mask will be sent home, and any player or coach who repeatedly refuses to wear a mask will be dismissed from the program.
- TRAVEL FOR UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS
    - Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days, or self-quarantine for 10 days.
    - Travel is defined as travel by means other than your own vehicle or out of state travel in your own vehicle.
- RULES IF A CLOSE CONTACT IS INFECTED WITH SARS-CoV-2
    - To be a “close contact” you have been within 6 feet for more than 15 cumulative minutes (in 24 hours) of someone who has been diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2.
    - Asymptomatic Vaccinated = don’t need to quarantine but should get tested 3-5 days after the exposure.
    - Not Vaccinated = Quarantine for 10 days from the day of last exposure, or a negative test on day 5 and can return on day 7.
    - Asymptomatic & had COVID-19 in the last 90 days = don’t need to quarantine but LACDPH recommends test.
    - After diagnosis of infection in a team member, the team will be required to follow these rules for Close Contact Diagnosed with Covid-19.

- PROCEDURE FOR POSITIVE TESTS OR INDIVIDUALS SYMPTOMATIC FOR COVID-19
  - Participants parents or legal guardians will notify the coach and the league safety officer at [bhllcovidsafety@gmail.com](mailto:bhllcovidsafety@gmail.com) when a positive test occurs in a player or close contact of the player.
  - Duration of isolation and precautions after a positive test
    - For most people with COVID-19 illness, isolation and precautions can be discontinued 10 days after symptoms present and after resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms.
    - Immunocompromised individuals may require extending duration of isolation and precautions for up to 20 days after symptom onset.
    - For people who never develop symptoms, isolation and other precautions can be discontinued 10 days after the date of their first positive RT-PCR test result for SARS-CoV-2 RNA.
  - SCREENING FOR INFECTION
    - Home-Based Symptom Screening should include monitoring for the following:
      - Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
      - Sore throat
      - Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from usual)
      - Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, check for a change from their baseline breathing)
      - Diarrhea or vomiting
      - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
  - If a child has ANY of these symptoms, they should:
    - Get tested for SARS-CoV-2.
    - Notify the child's pediatrician, coach, and the league safety officer. The safety officer may ask some additional questions to help determine when it is safe for the child to return to the team and about other people who may have been exposed.
    - Stay home until the results of the test are known.
      - If negative, they will need to submit proof of the test before returning to team activities.
      - If positive, the athlete must complete the required isolation (outlined above) before returning to team activities.
- VACCINATION
  - All athletes, coaches, and umpires 12 and older are required to be vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.



representatives are not responsible for any costs incurred from testing, and any questions about fees for testing should be addressed directly with the PMH laboratory or the outside lab where testing is done.

- Starting on 09/09/21, testing will be offered weekly on Thursday afternoons between 4-7 PM in the northwest corner of the Beverly Hills Tennis Center parking lot (the entry for this lot is on La Cienega Blvd. across the street from La Cienega Park).
  - **Notice Regarding Testing During Week Two of the Season:** Recognizing that many members of our league observe the **Yom Kippur Holiday**, PMH Laboratory Testing will be on Tuesday (September 15th) instead of Thursday (September 17th).
- All parents must complete a “Patient Consent” form prior to the testing and attach a copy of their insurance card front/back.
- For every subsequent test, the participant will need to provide the “Patient Consent” form (it is recommended that the participant make a copy of the original, sign and date on the day of testing).
- Notice for uninsured patients: Through the CARE’s Act PMH offers the Uninsured program, participant signs the affidavit stating that the child does not have health coverage. With the uninsured program the parent must provide a copy of a government issued ID front/back and their social security number on the affidavit. These forms are collected by the nurse on the day of the event.
- Participants will be scheduled at 2–3-minute increments.
  - Please follow the link below to sign up for weekly testing:
    - <https://pmhlaboratorycovideventscheduling.as.me/?calendarID=5996048>
- **ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS**
  - Hand sanitizer will be available, and participants will be required to wash or sanitize their hands during breaks which will occur every 20 minutes at minimum or in between innings.
  - Players sitting in dugout must be always at least 6 feet apart. Bleachers will be utilized to keep the players socially distanced.
  - The use of batting cages will be limited to one coach and two players at a time. All touchpoints in the cage will be disinfected before and after each use (all disinfectants will be EPA approved).
  - Parents will not be allowed on the field. Parents will drop off players or can observe from outfield lines or from one of the designated bleachers (socially distanced).
  - Parents will be encouraged to only have 1 parent/guardian per participant.
  - No physical contact, high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, hugs or horse play will be permitted other than the expected minimal contact necessary for play during games and practices.