

2021 AHLL BEST PRACTICES AND COVID PROTOCOL

The Alamo Heights Board of Directors, in conjunction with local health officials and advisors, has approved the following Best Practices and COVID Procedures with the hope and desire to minimize risk to players, coaches, and our families while maximizing opportunities for a successful 2021 Little League Season.

PREVENTION

- Appropriate face coverings will be worn at all times, during practices and games, unless actively playing.
- Coaches, both for practices and games, are asked to gather teams outside the dugouts when necessary and limit close contact for prolonged periods.
- Coaches, for scheduled batting practices at AHLL, please split your team to limit gathering during batting practice sessions. All coaches and players should wear appropriate face coverings while in the batting cages, and not actively hitting.
- Coaches should enter the dugout first (prior to the practices and games) and spray the benches and fence with provided solution.
- Players are asked to not share equipment and to bring their own, labeled, water bottles.
- Players, at all levels, will be asked to hang their bags on the fence outside the dugouts (new hooks have been installed along the field side of the outfield fences) and to wear appropriate face covering while in the dugouts when social distancing cannot be observed.
- All teams will have a coach in the dugout at all times. **TBall and Coach Pitch**; will be limited to no more than four(4) coaches per team. This will provide for three(3) in the field and one remaining in the dugout. No additional parents or help. The dugout coach will remain at the dugout standing on the field immediately outside dugout field entrance wearing appropriate face covering.
- At the conclusion of games, players will line up along their dugout base lines and tip their caps.
- Teams will assign a single (1) person to handle the scorekeeping (visitor) and announcing (home) who must be over the age of (15). Booths are to be limited to two (2) individuals. **Absolutely no children** under the age of 15 are permitted in the booths at any time. Antibacterial wipes/spray will be in the booths for between games.
- Umpires will be following strict local, district, and Little League International guidelines.

Per AHLL policy no outside coolers are permitted in the park.

Parents and fans are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings and observe social distancing

POSITIVE TEST

- Any player or coach who tests positive for COVID-19 must notify the league and/or head coach. This includes exposure to lab confirmed positive cases outside the league (school, work, community).
- Any player or coach that tests positive will not participate for a minimum of 14 days and without symptoms (including fever) for 3 days.
- Any participating player or coach in close contact with a positive individual within 2 days of symptoms or positive test will:
 - > Refrain from activities for at least 7 days and only return to league related activities after 7 days and a negative PCR test after day 5. (i.e. cannot have a test on day 2.)
 - > If unable to receive a negative test, then the player or coach will only be able to return to league related activities after 14 days of self-quarantine and no symptoms.
- Teammates, other coaches, and the opposing team(s) of an infected player or coach will be on 'high alert' but do not need to be tested.



POSITIVE TEST (CONT.)

- In the event the league is notified of a positive case from a player or coach, the leagues Advisory and Response team will notify any player(s) based on CDC guidelines if they should follow the procedures for exposure and notify the coach and team accordingly. Names will not be provided except in direct conversation.

- Every effort will be made to allow for teams to continue to play as it is appropriate and safe to do so. In the event a team is unable to play due to COVID related response, the game(s) will be rescheduled to an appropriate and available time.

Players, Coaches, Parents, and Fans!!! PLEASE do not attend little league events, including practices, if you feel symptomatic or are aware of direct exposure to someone with a lab positive case.

The AHLL Board of Directors will continue to evaluate the situation and will update these policies as needed. Thank you for your understanding and support in our continued efforts to provide a safe and successful 2021 Little League Season!

Alamo Heights Little League Board of Directors

Todd Allison, President

REMINDER: AHLL has joined with AHISD who has partnered with a local non-profit, Con Corazón, to offer free PCR tests with next day results. This program is being offered for symptomatic AHLL players with an active AHISD student ID's. This service and quick turnaround time is meant to be an additional convenience to families and staff as one more strategy in our layered approach to mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Mondays, 8 am - 3 pm, at the AHHS Softball field (Field 2) at the Alamo Heights Little League fields

Parents must accompany their children, regardless of the child's age. You will need to provide a photo identification, your SSN, and your proof of Insurance. There is no out of pocket cost. Walk up and tell them that you have a student that needs a COVID test as part of the Con Corazón program. An appointment is not necessary.

PLEASE NOTE: AHLL players who are not enrolled in AHISD may receive the same testing free of charge at the AT&T Center.

