



COVID CLOSE CONTACT AND POSITIVE CASE POLICY



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Purpose and goal: Last season we had a COVID policy in place to ensure a safe environment for our children to continue playing baseball. This policy included extensive contact measures and masking protocols. Much of that data is outdated, and thus BLL/BBC requires a new working document to guide coaches and administration during the 2021 season.

Preventative measures:

- Masking is no longer a requirement for players.
- **As of 4/5/21 coaches, umpires, and other adults will be required to wear a mask in and around the dugouts and any other situation in which one might have close contact for up to 15 minutes in total.**
- **While still encouraged, adults who are fully vaccinated are exempt from masking requirements**
- Masking is encouraged but not required for families and fans who distance from others.
- Social distancing of families and fans around the fence line is encouraged.
- Any player or coach who is exhibiting COVID symptoms during practice/game needs to be removed immediately unless an alternate diagnosis can be provided (ex. currently on antibiotics for ear infection).

Positive COVID case isolation:

- COVID isolation will be enacted if a player, coach, or umpire presents a positive COVID test.
- Similar isolation will be enacted if a player, coach, or umpire develops potential COVID symptoms and declines to produce a negative COVID test.
- Duration of isolation will be for a minimum of 14 days from onset of symptoms or positive, whichever was first.
 - o Individual must also be free of fever for at least 48 hours with significant improvement in symptoms.

Close contact quarantine:

- Quarantine will be enacted if a player, coach, or umpire is in close contact with a known positive COVID case.
- Due to activities being unmasked, quarantine duration will be 14 days from date of last exposure without exception.
 - o Date of exposure will be considered day zero.
 - o Any quarantined individual who then turns positive will then move to isolation phase.
 - o Return to play will then be 14 days from start of symptoms or positive test, which is first.
- Vaccinated adults will be exempt from quarantine but will require reporting

Reporting of cases:

- Coaches are required to report any positive cases or potential close contacts to BLL/BBC medical officer for tracking.
- Medical officer will complete contact tracing and inform all families and coaches of isolation/quarantine.
- Medical officer will also report this list to board and director of the age group in question.