



Health and Safety Protocols Adopted August 24, 2021

The Miracle League of San Diego (“MLSD”) is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment and experience during the Covid-19 global pandemic to eliminate the spread of the virus to the extent possible among all those who participate at MLSD events either at Engel Family Field or at Bell Middle School.

To achieve this objective, MLSD has developed the following Health and Safety Protocols applicable to all baseball events scheduled and conducted at Engel Family Field and/or Bell Middle School. The development of these protocols is intended to comply with all CDC, State of California, County of San Diego and San Diego Unified School District health and safety protocols and guidelines for youth sports played outdoors.

As a policy, MLSD encourages all **eligible** participants and volunteers to be vaccinated prior to the start of the Fall 2021 season. As reminder, it is requested that anyone who exhibits Covid-19 symptoms, has knowingly been exposed to someone who has the Covid-19 virus and/or its variants or is generally sick with a fever and/or cough stay at home and do not participate in any events at either Engel Family Field and/or Bell Middle School.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Face coverings for all on-field participants and anyone performing functions on behalf of MLSD including players, coaches, buddies, umpires and volunteers will be **optional** unless otherwise required by the State, County or SDUSD mandates.
 - Face coverings, if worn, shall cover both nose and mouth.
- Face coverings will be available at the snack stand for any player, coach, buddy, umpire or other who may want one.
- Face coverings and gloves will be **mandatory** for those volunteers working the snack stands, BBQs and merchandise stands

PLAYING FIELD AND DUGOUT PREPARATIONS

- Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be staged inside each dugout, by each bleacher and other locations where fans, volunteers, etc. may congregate (i.e., merchandise and snack stands).
- Dugout benches will be disinfected after each game by volunteer interns with disinfectant wipes or spray that will be provided.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- In the past, MLSD has kept batting helmets and gloves in each dugout that are shared by players and remain in the dugout for every game. Many of our players do not use any glove in the field and because we use a specially designed soft ball, batting helmets are generally not necessary as a protective device.
- MLSD will no longer provide batting helmets and gloves. Any player who uses a glove and/or batting helmet **MUST** provide his/her own.
- Helmets and gloves shall not be shared with other players.

- Players shall not share towels, clothing or other items that may be used to wipe their face or hands.
- Individuals disinfecting equipment are encouraged to wear gloves while using disinfectants and follow the manufacturer's directions for use.

UMPIRE / ADULT CATCHER PLACEMENT

- Umpires are encouraged to keep a safe distance from players as much as possible.
- Umpires are encouraged to wear face covering over both nose and mouth when umpiring.

DRINKS / SNACKS

- All drinks and snacks sold at the snack bar shall be individually wrapped items.
- Cash will no longer be accepted at the snack bar. All transactions shall be via VENMO. MLSD shall have QR codes available to scan to ensure that funds go directly to MLSD.

GAME SCHEDULES

- Sufficient time shall be scheduled to facilitate complete evacuation of individuals from a previous game or from the premises prior to the next group entering.
- Games will promptly begin at the top of each hour and last for 45 minutes, at which time the game will end, regardless of whether everyone has had his/her at-bat in the last inning of play.
 - Once the game ends, coaches and players will exit the playing as quickly as possible to disinfect the dugouts for the next game.
 - Each field will have signage designating entrance through one gate and exit through the other gate. This one-way flow will limit crowds from gathering.
 - The Public Address Announcer will remind everyone at the end of each game to safely and quickly exit the playing field and bleachers.
- Players, families and spectators shall not arrive at the playing field more than 20 minutes prior to game time.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING (SHARED EQUIPMENT / SURFACES)

- Volunteers shall frequently clean and disinfect often-touched surfaces during games including tables, countertops and dugout benches (mandatory between games).
- If an often-touched surface is visibly soiled or dirty, it should be cleaned with soap or detergent and water prior to disinfecting