

The following is the Preparedness plan following the guidelines of the State of Minnesota. This plan summary will be on our website [Blainearealittleleague.org](http://Blainearealittleleague.org)

Our plan administrator will be Paul Perez and will be responsible for:

- 1) Communicating our CoVid19 plan to umpires, players, coaches and their families
- 2) Being the point person for any cases or outbreaks within the association
- 3) Work with the commissioners of the league and MDH professionals to ensure close contacts are quickly identified and isolation and quarantines if necessary are followed
- 4) Setting quarantine procedures on a case by case basis, in communication with the commissioner of the league involved. This includes deciding how long and who will be quarantined. A consistent as possible basis will be used, but final decision will be with the administrator.
- 5) Communicating to the Umpire in chief of any incident that involves a quarantine situation so he/she may communicate to the umpires involved in necessary.
- 6) Advise the board of directors of any quarantine situation
- 7) Changing these guidelines as necessary if the state guidelines change

#### Expectations

##### Venue

Since the BBC is a public park there will not be limits to the number of people we have in the facility, we use your best discretion as to the numbers and positioning of your families for the games. BALL will space games out when necessary to help with distancing. All those that are at the park are asked to assist in staying separated from each other.

##### Social Distancing

We will be asking that everyone maintain at least 6 feet of distance, including:

Players not during the game off the field and household groups of spectators.

On the bench 6' not required.

We will ask that everyone stay 12 feet away from the participants during the contest.

Limit time at the field not during game times

To achieve these goals we will be asking the following to take place:

- 1) We will be asking everyone to not be in behind the plate at anytime.
- 2) We will have a "buffer zone" by the dugouts of 12 feet of space, so the first spectators will be allowed 12 feet down the fence line.
- 3) Spectators are recommended to be limited to immediate family members.
- 4) Families should then be spaces 6 feet apart, circling the field if necessary.
- 5) Teams should refrain from trying to enter the field until after the other teams have completely left the field. Please stay 15 feet away from the entrance gates.
- 6) Limit congratulating after the games or sticking around beyond the "team after game meeting
- 7) Do not meet in groups by the concession stand
- 8) Avoid unnecessary contact while at practices by having non essential personnel not staying at the practice facility
- 9) Ride sharing should be avoided with those outside of each household
- 10) Team activities away from the ballpark should be avoided.

##### Screening

There will be limited amounts of screening done by BALL personnel.

All families will be asked to self monitor and :

- 1) if players are showing any symptoms associated with CoVid 19,

- 2) If they have come in close contact with anyone that has tested positive
- 3) Or if they have tested positive

They will be asked to stay away from BALL activities, call their coach with information on symptoms, exposure and testing information.

The coach will contact the commissioner of their league with the information and the commissioner will contact the CoVid19 administrator to take any appropriate action based on the information provided. The Administrator will take appropriate action including contacting the commissioner in question, the UIC and any other board members to facilitate contact tracing and to inform all about the actions being taken. The Administrator will consult with MDH and CDC guidelines for action to be taken.

If an umpire gets symptoms, tests positive or comes in close contact with someone with CoVid19, they will contact the UIC and he will contact the Administrator for instruction and possible actions for quarantining.

#### Face coverings

BALL is recommending face coverings (which includes cloth masks and gaiter) while at practices and games. They will be required when social distancing can not be maintained, specifically during the game when not in the game. The bench area face coverings are required by both the players and coaching staff. It is recommended that catchers wear a cloth mask or gaiter at all times. Players while on the field are not required to wear masks, but can if they choose.

Umpires will be required to wear face masks while working games and while near others.

#### Exemptions:

- 1) Children under 2 are not to be wearing masks, and those between 2 and 5 are not required but recommended.
- 2) Medical exemptions are allowed. Please provide medical release from Doctor form to the coach and coach is to show a copy of the form to umpires BEFORE EVERY GAME at the plate meeting.

It is advised that players do not mix with other teams outside of BALL or the Brooklyn Center Little league during the season. Post season games are allowed if approved by the board of directors and protocols are followed at other fields or at a minimum follow BALL guidelines while playing away games.

Testing for CoVid19 will not be required during the season, but it may be prudent to get tested to reduce the quarantine time.

#### Cleaning protocols

##### Games:

Defensive coaches will provide balls to their team while they are in the field on defense.

It is encouraged that other defensive players not in the game retrieve the balls. If they are in the dugout, others will need to retrieve the ball and return to the defensive coach, not the umpire.

Every two innings change to new balls

Coaches will limit to 2 teammates catching during the game. Catcher gear will then be sanitized after the game by the coach.

Coaches will be allowed to warm up pitchers between innings, before the catcher is ready.

#### Concessions

The concession stand will be taking added measures in cleaning to help mitigate the spread of germs.

Besides normal procedures required by having a concession stand, they will be doing the following added steps:

Hand sanitizer used frequently

Wiping down services on a frequent basis

Using sanitizing wipes

Prefer credit card payments to cut down on money handling