

Miracle League Baseball

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all our lives. We want so badly for things to return to “normal”. While we are not quite there yet, we want to be able to take some small steps towards that goal. We will be offering our Baseball program to players in a modified way so that we can remain as safe and healthy as possible. We will be establishing guidelines that are documented here. Of course, the decision to play belongs to the parents. We fully understand that some of our players may be immuno-deficient. We trust that parents will consult with their physicians if that is the case. We will of course be prepared to adjust all plans in accordance with local, state, and federal guidance.

General Miracle League Field Guidelines

- Families are asked to arrive at the field no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled game time.
- We ask that families follow social distancing protocols once they enter the Miracle League property, including in the parking lots and in all other areas of the property.
- All adults must wear a face covering when on the property.
- Use of the property will be limited to Miracle League players and their immediate family members. We ask that you do not invite any spectators for whom it is not necessary to be there.
- Families are asked to leave the Miracle League field immediately following their games.
- Concession stands will not be open during games.
- Restrooms will be available although we ask that they be used only when necessary.
- Restrooms will be wiped down prior to and immediately after each game.
- All players, coaches and family members who will be going on the Miracle League field must enter through the gate on the third base side and exit on the first base gate.
- We will use a no-touch thermometer to monitor the temperatures of anyone who will be entering the Miracle League Field. Anyone with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be allowed onto the Miracle League field and will be asked to return home.
- We will have hand sanitizer available at both entrance and exit points.
- Anyone who is having any of the following symptoms should not enter the field:
 - Active COVID-19 infection
 - Fever
 - Unexplained Cough
- If you or anyone in your family has been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with (or is suspected to have) COVID-19 we ask that you don't come to the Miracle League field for a minimum of 14 days since your last contact with that person(s).

Game Play Guidelines

- The number of players per team will be lower than normal.
- To eliminate one level of transmission of COVID-19 we will not have volunteer buddies to assist players on the field. **Assistance for players on the field must be provided by a family member of the player.**
- There will be a minimum number of coaches and league coordinators on the field.
- All adults and baseball helpers (regardless of age) must wear a face covering while on or near the Miracle League Field.
- Players are not required to wear face coverings although, if they can, we encourage them to.
- Use of batting helmets during games is not required to lessen the chance of transmission. Players may bring their own helmet if they would like.
- Sharing of helmets, baseball gloves, or any other personal equipment will be prohibited.
- The league will have bats available for players use that will be wiped down after each use.
- Players (and their helpers) will always be asked to socially distance from other players (and their helpers) while on the field.
- Players who are waiting to bat will be asked to wait outside of the fence until it is their turn to bat or when they are on deck to bat.
- Games will proceed as usual for Miracle League games.
 - Each game will last for 2 innings
 - Each player on a team will bat once per inning
- There will be a socially distanced team cheer at the end of each game.
- There will be no handshake lines at the end of each game.