



PVLL Covid-19 Response

2021 Season





Goals

The following are the five goals that PVLL wants to accomplish with our Covid-19 response program.

- Provide a safe baseball environment for our community.
- Follow State, County & City Covid-19 recommendations.
- Prevent person to person contact.
- Prevent equipment contamination.
- Prevent facility contamination.

Recreational Sports-Permitted by County Tier

Tier #1 (Purple), Tier #2 (Red), Tier #3 (Orange), Tier #4 (Yellow)
From most restricted (Tier 1) to least restricted (Tier 4)

- Widespread Tier #1 (Purple)
 - Physical Conditioning, Practices, Skill-building, etc are allowed.
- Substantial Tier #2 (Red)
 - Outdoor moderate-contact sports are allowed-Baseball games.



Required PPE (Facial Coverings)



- All players and coaches need to have a facial covering with them when they arrive at any PVLL event to participate in team activities. The facial covering shall be worn by players and coaches at all times. Under the following conditions, a facial covering **should** be worn, but may be removed per CDC Covid safety regulations:
 1. When a player is actively on the field of play.
 - a. In a game, scrimmage or practice drill that resembles an individual position where adequate social distancing is maintained.
 2. Coaches at practices or games where they are adequately socially distanced from players and other persons.
 - a. Pitching to players, fielding balls in the outfield, etc.

Families and Guests Covid Safety



- We strongly encourage all of our PVLL families and guests to follow Covid-19 safety recommendations when attending any PVLL event. This should include being prepared to:
 1. Wearing facial covering when applicable.
 2. Maintain social distancing from those outside of your household.
 3. Practice good hygiene.

Health Screening

- Personal Health Awareness
 - We ask that any PVLL player, coach, manager, volunteer, parent or spectator that is feeling ill or has flu symptoms **not** attend any PVLL events. They should seek guidance from their healthcare provider and consider being tested for Covid-19.



Health Screening

- Manager Reporting
 - When a team managers becomes aware of a coach, player or volunteer that is ill with flu like symptoms, they **shall** report it to the PVLL Health Safety Officer immediately.
 - Any PVLL player, coach or manager that is ill with flu like symptoms will not be allowed to attend or return to PVLL events until after they have spoken with the PVLL Health Safety Officer and the PVLL Health Safety Officer determines that the individual can return to PVLL events. This may require a negative Covid test result based on the information that is known about the illness.



Health Screening Cont.

- Health Safety Officer Clearance
 - PVLL will require that any PVLL player, coach, manager or volunteer that is suspected of contracting Covid-19 self-quarantine as recommended by the Sonoma County Health Safety Officer and seek medical treatment from their healthcare provider.
 - The PVLL Health Safety Officer will report any suspected Covid-19 case to the PVLL Board for proper team/division/league notification.



Health Screening Cont.

- Health Safety Officer Clearance
 - The PVLL Health Safety Officer will investigate the possibility of spread to the PVLL community and report to the Board their findings and recommendations ASAP.
 - No player, coach, manager, volunteer that is/was known to have Covid-19 will be allowed to return until after they received clearance from their doctor with a negative Covid-19 test result.



Health Screening Cont.

- Body Temperature
 - The League has provided infrared thermometers to be used at all PVLL events.
 - Each team manager will be responsible to check the temperature of all players and coaches at all PVLL practices and games.
 - Any player, coach or manager that has a temperature of 100 deg or more will be dismissed from the PVLL event.



Health Screening Cont.

- Sanitize
 - Both practices and games will start with the manager/coaches dispensing hand sanitizer to all players and coaches.
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Team Practice Procedures

(First Practice)

- Prior to the first practice, the team manager will contact each family and discuss with them the PVLL Covid-19 protocol.
- The first practice should include a team discussion on the PVLL Covid-19 protocol and the league's expectations regarding PPE, Social Distancing, health screening, health reporting & equipment sanitation and use.
- Scheduling of practices will be staggered to limit the number of families at facilities. Team practices should begin and end on time.



Team Practice Procedures

(To be conducted at every practice)

- Health Screening before practice
 - Check temperature/Ask about health
- No shared equipment
 - bats, helmets, gloves
- Practice social distancing in practice drills.
- Social distancing in team meetings.
- **No sunflower seeds or gum allowed.**
- All coaches and players will wear facial coverings when except under conditions as previously stated.



Game Procedures

(Protocol for Every Game)

- All adults on the field will wear facial coverings or masks.
- Adult spectators should follow Covid-19 health safety guidelines.
- Managers will screen all players and coaches for covid symptoms upon their arrival at fields (check temperature, etc).
- No shared equipment (i.e. bats, helmets, gloves).
- No sunflower seeds or gum allowed.
- Celebrations involving handshakes or personal contact is discouraged.
- Social distancing team meetings.
 - Post and Pregame meetings ok.
 - No end of inning meetings.
- Game start times staggered to reduce the number of people at facility.



Game Procedures

(Team at Bat)

- At Murphy Field players will be allowed to use the dugout and stand outside the dugout behind the dugout fence while spreading out and wearing a mask and helmet.
- All players not on the field actively playing shall wear a mask/facial covering and helmet.
- The above will apply to McDowell Field as well. Players may also stand behind the dugout at McDowell Field if additional spacing is needed for a larger team.



Game Procedures

(Team in Field)

- Players in the field are not required to wear facial coverings or masks, but may do so if they or their guardian desires. Wear a facial covering is encouraged not discouraged.
- Players that are not on the field actively playing will wear facial coverings/masks at all times.



Game Procedures

(Umpires)

- Health screening of umpires by managers upon their arrival at field.
- Game ball will be changed every two innings.
- All umpires will wear a mask or facial covering at all times.
- Equipment inspections should still occur, but equipment should be spaced out by players/coaches. Inspection will be visual only. Umpires should not touch equipment unless they are wearing PPE (latex gloves).
- Pregame home plate meeting will be conducted to social distancing standards and will only be with one umpire and both managers (No players).



Game Procedures

(Game Scheduling)

- All games will be scheduled in a staggered manner to limit the number of people in attendance at PVLL facilities.
- A minimum of 30 minutes will be allowed between games. (Teams should not show up early to practice)
- Teams/families should immediately leave the field when their game is completed. This will assist with reducing the number of people at the facilities between games.
- All games of the AAA, AA, A and T-Ball divisions will have a strict time limit if there is another game scheduled to immediately follow. (AAA & AA 120 Minutes, A 90 minutes, T-Ball (45 Minutes).
- All games that are not completed when the time limit is reached will end immediately regardless of the score. Scoring will revert to the last completed inning for the Minor Division games.



Game Procedures

(Game Scheduling)

- PVLL will attempt to schedule all Majors games where a time limit is not required.
- In the event that a Majors game does have a game scheduled immediately after, a time limit of 120 minutes will apply.
- Under such conditions, the game will immediately end when the time limit is reached, and the score will revert to the prior completed inning. Under such conditions, games can end in a tie.

Equipment Sanitation

- No shared equipment
 - Bats, helmets, gloves
- Any equipment that has to be shared, shall be disinfected between use.
 - Catcher's equipment
 - No catchers in Minis Division.
- New game balls every two innings.

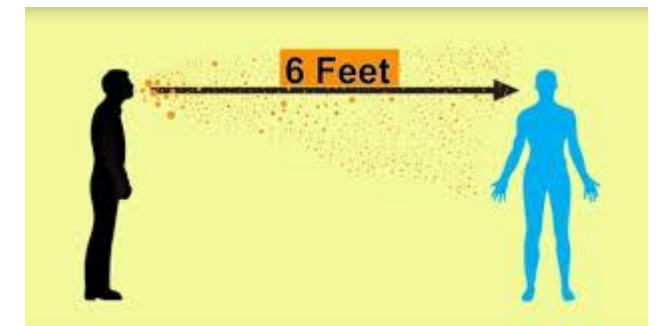




PVLL

Facilities

- Social distancing signs (Murphy Field)
- Social distancing markings on bleachers
- Frequent and daily cleaning of facilities by coaches, board members and snack shack personnel.





PVLL Facilities

(Batting Cages/Bullpens)

- Social distancing signs
- No shared equipment (i.e bats, gloves, helmets)





PVLL Facilities

(McDowell Minor)

- Social distancing signs
- Bleachers marked for social distancing
- Frequent and daily cleaning of facilities by teams & board members



PVLL Facilities

(Snack Shack)

- Plexiglass affixed to customer counter
- Only two volunteers will be allowed to work in the snack shack and they must wear PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) at all times (Gloves & Mask)
- Hand sanitizer will be provided free of charge at Snack Shack counter
- No gum or sunflower seeds will be sold at snack shack, nor will it be allowed at any PVLL event.
- Social distancing markings are placed on ground near snack shack.
- Frequent and daily sanitation facilities by board members and snack shack personnel
 - Counter & Bathrooms



PVLL Facilities

- Two Teenage kids (press box) allowed in Press Box.
- Limited use to two persons.
- Use of PPE by those in Press Box is required.
- Daily sanitation of equipment.

Season Suspension

- Any positive test of a PVLL player, coach, manager, volunteer will result in the immediate notification to the league (all families). The individuals name will not be released to league. Their identity will only be known by the reporting party (i.e. manager/parent/etc.) and the PVLL Health Safety Officer.
- If 3 or more PVLL individuals (i.e. coach/manager/player/volunteer) is suspected of being ill with Covid-19 at the same time, the season will be suspended immediately (practices and games). The board will notify the City of Petaluma & County of Sonoma Health Officer. The board will collect any possible contaminated equipment so that it can be sanitized. All PVLL facilities will be closed and cleaned.
- In the event of a season suspension, the entire league will self-quarantine (no practices or games) for 2 weeks before any PVLL event may resume.



Penalties

It is the intent of the PVLL Board to provide a safe environment for our community to share while watching their child/children play baseball. We do not wish to provide penalties or sanctions on any member of PVLL. However, to protect our community, it should be known that any manager, player, coach or volunteer that intentionally avoids following these guidelines shall be subject to removal from the Board.





Closing

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for our kids to play baseball without putting anyone within our community at risk of contracting Covid-19. We believe we will be successful if these guidelines are followed. We thank you for your understanding and support.

Go Valley!

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