

**KERRISDALE LITTLE LEAGUE
BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**



**Communicable Disease
Prevention Plan (CDPP)**



MESSAGE TO THE KERRISDALE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL COMMUNITY

Since March 2020, British Columbia public health authorities have developed COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and protocols to try to keep the public safe and to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Certain guidelines have been implemented by government and sports organizations, including the British Columbia Ministry of Health, viaSport and Baseball BC. Information, recommendations and guidance from these provincial health and sporting authorities continue to change, but leading up to the 2022 season, have also eased considerably. As a result, the outlook for this season from a safety perspective is looking positive.

In recognition of the commitment that KLL's volunteers and families have shown for the league, we would like to thank you for your continued patience, support and hard work as we navigate these unusual times.

On March 11, 2022, viaSport BC, in accordance with changes to the PHO Order on Gatherings and Events, has provided updated guidance for the Return to Sport which include:

PHO Guidance for Outdoor Sport

- All activities for children and youth are allowed, including programs, events and tournaments.
- Masks: not required on or off the field of play.
- Group Size: There is no maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials.
- Physical distance does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play.
- Spectators: full seated capacity is allowed.

PHO Guidance for All Sport

- All activities that would typically take place in a sport environment may continue.
- Communicable disease prevention plan: Sport organizations are not required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for activities on the field of play; however, sport organizations should consider developing a communicable disease prevention plan as per WorkSafe BC guidance.

In response, Kerrisdale Little League Baseball Association ("KLL") has developed and adopted a Communicable Diseases Prevention Plan (CDPP version 1.0). The CDPP is designed to:

1. Create understanding and awareness of potential risk of communicable disease (including but not limited to COVID)
2. Ensure measures, practices and policies are implemented to reduce risk for those participating in the league
3. Ensure effective communication of measures, practices and policies to league members
4. Continually monitor and update the plan when and where appropriate

KLL Return to Sport Guidelines and Protocols may be updated at any time; please be sure that you are referring to the most up to date information which will be posted on our website at

<https://www.kerrisdalebaseball.com/covid-19/>. Again, these protocols are subject to all federal, provincial and municipal laws, regulations, by-laws and orders. If public health authorities and relevant sport organizations revise their guidelines and requirements, we will re-assess and modify the KLL's Return to Sport Guidelines and Protocols accordingly.



KLL'S COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN

Although we are doing our best to try and minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19, so long as the virus circulates in our communities it is impossible to completely eliminate that risk. Each participant must make their own decision as to whether it is in their best interest to resume participation at this time. You must take into account your own circumstances and make the decision that is right for you. Should you choose to join us, we require your full cooperation with our guidelines.

With continued risk of exposure and infection of Covid-19, KLL has responded in turn with the following Communicable Disease Prevention Plan (CDPP) as suggested through WorkSafe BC guidance. The CDPP is the latest installation of safety tools that KLL has implemented since the beginning of the pandemic and is the current source of protocols required by the province to ensure safe sport. While at this time it is not necessary to maintain an active Covid-19 Safety Plan, KLL may reinstate and/or leverage information from its previous Safety Plan (Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols, Version 8.0) where necessary.

The CDPP consists of **four steps** that will help league members better understand, respond and reduce the risk of Covid-19 and other communicable diseases within our community.

In preparing the CDPP, we have consulted with and referred to the recommendations and guidelines of public health, and provincial and local sports and recreation authorities as of the date they were published and released:

Order of Provincial Health Officer - Gatherings and Events, March 10, 2022:

[Order of the PHO - Gatherings and Events](#)

viaSport Return to Play Guidelines for British Columbia, March 11, 2022:

[viaSport Return to Sport: Guidelines for BC](#)

WorkSafe BC – Communicable Disease Prevention: A guide for Employees, June, 2021:

[Communicable Disease Prevention Template](#)

The Kerrisdale Little League Baseball Association Board of Directors.



RETURN TO SPORT GUIDANCE

In accordance to changes made on March 11, 2022 to the PHO’s Order on Events and Gatherings, viaSport has developed the following “Return to Sport – 2.0” charts for PHO guidance and proof of vaccination requirements.

CURRENT PHO GUIDANCE

Outdoor sport

- All activities for children and youth are allowed, including programs, events and tournaments.
- Masks: not required on or off the field of play.
- Group Size: There is no maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials.
- Physical distance does not need to be maintained on or off the field of play.
- Spectators: full seated capacity is allowed.

All sport

- All activities that would typically take place in a sport environment may continue.
- Communicable disease prevention plan: Sport organizations are not required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for activities on the field of play; however, sport organizations should consider developing a [communicable disease prevention plan](#) as per WorkSafe BC guidance.

Indoor sport

- All activities for children and youth are allowed, including programs, events and tournaments.
- Masks: are not required on or off the field of play. Facilities may require mask wearing on their premises.
- Until April 8, 2022, proof of vaccination is required for adult sport (21+), all spectators (12+) and all non-employee support people like parents, coaches and volunteers for indoor sport. See next page for more details.
- Group Size: There is no maximum group size for participants, coaches, volunteers, staff and officials.
- Physical distance does not need to be maintained on the field of play. Off the field of play, maintain distance where possible.
- Spectator seated and standing is at full capacity.

General guidance

If you test positive for COVID-19, [follow BCCDC guidance](#) For more detailed information about proof of vaccination, [click here](#).

Liability: The Province of B.C. extended COVID-19 liability coverage for organizations until December 31, 2022 through the [COVID-19 Related Measures Act \(CRMA\)](#). This protects people and organizations from damages resulting from transmission or exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

OUTDOOR SPORT

INDOOR SPORT

YOUTH SPORT (0-21 years)

- Proof of vaccination is **NOT REQUIRED**:
 - Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming
 - Supervisors* for youth sport events and programming

- Proof of vaccination is **NOT REQUIRED**:
 - Youth (21 and younger) participating in sport events and programming
- Proof of vaccination is **REQUIRED**:
 - Supervisors* (12+)** for youth sport events and programming
 - Youth (12+)** participating in sport programming and events primarily intended for adults

ADULT SPORT (22 years and older)

- Proof of vaccination is **NOT REQUIRED**:
 - Adults participating in outdoor sports, including for those who come indoors to use amenities such as change rooms and meeting rooms for groups under 51.****

- Proof of vaccination is **REQUIRED**:
 - Adult participants and supervisors* of sport events and programming
 - Adults participating with youth (21 and younger) in sport events and programming

SPECTATORS (12 years and older)**

- Proof of vaccination is **NOT REQUIRED**

- Proof of vaccination is **REQUIRED** at all sport events and programs



STEP 1: UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL RISK OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Kerrisdale Little League has always had a Safety Officer who coordinates the management of safety related issues for the league. This year, they have assisted in the development of KLL's CDDP and helped in implementing the protocols and guidelines to keep all participants safe. The Safety Officer is:

- Responsible for ensuring the league is kept abreast of all communicable disease-related information issued by your regional medical health officer or the provincial health officer
- Ensures that all COVID-related concerns and incidents are reported immediately to the KLL president, and other members of the board as appropriate
- Generates, edits and implements existing and/or new communicable disease preventative measures, practices, and policies as recommended by appropriate health and sport authorities

KLL also relies on the efforts and contributions of its community and volunteers to operate and provide programming for our children. This community therefore plays a critical role in awareness and prevention of communicable disease within the league. Our ability to act responsibly together ensures we enjoy a safe and enjoyable baseball season.

STEP 2: REDUCING RISK THROUGH APPROPRIATE MEASURES, PRACTICES AND POLICIES

While many of the restrictions imposed on KLL last season no longer exist, it is important we continue to practice behaviors that help to reduce the risk of communicable disease within our community.

- Provide hand-hygiene facilities and appropriate supplies, signage to remind players of proper hygiene and covering coughs and sneezes
 - Hand sanitizer will be available to players, coaches and volunteers
 - Limited sanitization supplies will be kept in the score shed at Elm Park and available for use as necessary
 - <https://www.worksafefbc.com/en/resources/health-safety/posters/prevent-spread-communicable-diseases-handwashing?lang=en>
 - <https://www.worksafefbc.com/en/resources/health-safety/posters/prevent-spread-communicable-diseases-cover-coughs-sneezes?lang=en>
- Maintain a clean environment through routine cleaning processes that are appropriate for the league's facilities and its participants
- Ensure adequate ventilation and air flow
 - Most events take place outdoors, but where indoor facilities are utilized for training and other purposes, air flow conditions should be considered
 - <https://www.worksafefbc.com/en/resources/health-safety/information-sheets/prevent-spread-communicable-disease-ventilation-air-circulation?lang=en>



STEP 3: COMMUNICATION OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES, PRACTICES AND POLICIES

Make sure all KLL participants receive information about league measures, practices and policies.

- How are league participants informed of measures, practices, and policies, and kept abreast of changes as they are made?
 - KLL uses TeamSnap, an online team management tool, to deliver efficient and timely communication to our members. KLL Registrar will be responsible for disseminating appropriate information through TeamSnap.
 - All players, parents/guardians, coaches and other volunteers may access the latest version of KLL's CDPP and affiliated material on the [Kerrisdale Little League website](#).

- Identify any area of use signage used to communicate measures.
 - Signage advising and educating on COVID-19 wellness and hygiene measures will be in place at every field and facility utilized by KLL.

STEP 4: MONITORING AND MAINTAINING THE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE TO PHO ORDERS ON EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Continually evaluate and update your plan to reflect changing risk levels and work practices

- How are participating board/committee/working members of KLL involved in the ongoing evaluation of measures, practices, and policies?
 - The league appointed Safety Officer is responsible for keeping abreast of all communicable disease-related information issued by our regional medical health officer or the provincial health officer
 - All relevant health updates affecting activities of the league should be communicated to the President and other Board representatives or committee members as appropriate.
 - Prior to implementation of required changes to communicable disease measures, practices, and policies, the Safety Officer must present the proposed changes to the President, and as appropriate, other members of the board to obtain feedback and approval.

- What is the mechanism for KLL community members to escalate health and safety concerns?
 - Members of the KLL community should escalate matters pertaining to health and safety to the Safety Officer at safety@kerrisdalebaseball.com.

- What is the process in place within the league to monitor whether measures, policies, and practices are being followed?
 - KLL relies on the efforts and contributions of its community and volunteers to operate and provide safe programming for our children. The onus is then on all community members to help in the awareness and prevention of communicable disease within the guidelines as presented in this document.