

# **PLEASE READ BEFORE ENTERING THE COURTS**

## **PLAYING TENNIS DURING COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

### **BEFORE YOU PLAY**

- Arrange to play only with family members or others who live in your household.
- Do not play if any of you:
  - Are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus: mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC.
  - Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
  - Are a vulnerable individual. A vulnerable individual is an elderly individual and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.

### **PREPARING TO PLAY**

- Protect against infections:
  - Wash your hands with a disinfectant soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court.
  - Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles. Do not share racquets or any other equipment such as wristbands, grips, hats and towels.
  - Consider taking extra precautions such as wearing gloves.
  - If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
  - Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches, etc. if you can.

### **WHEN PLAYING**

- Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five).
- Use every second court when practical and avoid changing ends of the court during your match
- Avoid sharing food, drinks or towels.
- Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

### **AFTER PLAYING**

- Leave the court as soon as reasonably possible, do not congregate in the parking area
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.