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Hello Tennis Members,

The Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce the opening of our Tennis Courts on Saturday, May 30, 2020. At this time we are following CDC Guidelines and Medical Public Health Recommendations along with standard [USTA Guidelines](#) to ensure the health and safety of our members, their families and our community. Please read the following information in its entirety so you understand the modifications that have been made this year.

Public Tennis Courts are allowed to be used in Phase 1 of the Massachusetts Reopen Plan. As indicated in the plan, if public-health indicators move in the wrong direction, Massachusetts may move backwards into Pre-Phase 1. In this case, the courts may close again and you will be notified.

**Included with this email is a new COVID-19 risk waiver. Please acknowledge your acceptance of this waiver by sending an email to Dan Pereira ([dpereira@lincnet.org](mailto:dpereira@lincnet.org)). You will then receive the tennis court code.**

Tennis courts are open Sunday through Saturday from sunrise to 10:00 PM. Two courts are lighted for night play. The light button is located on the tennis shed. Lights are available from dusk to 10:00 pm.

### **You will notice a few changes to the tennis courts upon arrival.**

- New court protocols have been posted at each gate.
- Hand sanitizer bottles have been affixed to the fence next to each gate for your use.
- All benches have been removed. They will be returned when permitted in future phases.
- Please take your trash with you when you leave. A barrel is located next to the restrooms.

### **BEFORE YOU PLAY**

- [Full United States Tennis Association guidelines](#) are available for your review.
- Massachusetts public health guidelines do not recommend play if 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 during phase one, two or three of the Massachusetts reopening plan.

### **PREPARING TO PLAY**

- Protect against infections:
  - Wash your hands
  - 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.
  - Bring a full water bottle to avoid touching a tap or water fountain handle.
  - If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
  - Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be there.
  - Avoid touching surfaces unless absolutely necessary.

### **UPON ARRIVAL**

- If the courts are full when you arrive, please wait by your car until a court opens.
- Masks should be worn to and from the courts when social distancing is not possible.
- Gloves are recommended when using the court gate handles and when brushing the courts.
- The court restroom and court gate handles/touchpads are sanitized nightly. Please use proper personal hygiene when using the restrooms.

### **WHEN PLAYING**

- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Wash your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Bring your own can of tennis balls and mark your balls accordingly.
- Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your balls only. Should a ball from another player wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to return that ball to the other side of the court.
- Stay on your side of court. Avoid changing ends of the court.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- **Please limit your court use to 2 hours maximum.**

### **AFTER PLAYING**

- Using gloves, please sweep your courts.
- Leave the court as soon as reasonably possible.
- Make sure to bring all your belongings and trash with you.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.