

Tennis in the Parks COVID-19 Safeguards

(In addition to the USTA's COVID-19 Playing Tennis Safely – Player Tips & Recommendations)

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

- All players are required to hand sanitize (supplied by USTA New England) as they enter the tennis courts and also when they leave the court at the end of the day's session and anytime they may touch someone else's tennis ball, equipment, etcetera.
- Parents of participants are encouraged to supply their child or children with any hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes they would like them to have and use while participating in the program.
- Coach will instruct participants to maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet and to not touch any of the coach's tennis balls or other program participant's person, tennis equipment, or belongings.
- Only Tennis in the Parks coaches, and program volunteers who have been approved by USTA New England's Schools and Tennis in the Parks Manager, and who are USTA Safe Play approved and background screened, and whom have received COVID-19 related guidance from USTA New England are allowed on the tennis courts.
- The Tennis in the Parks coach will set designated areas outside the tennis court (at least 6 feet apart) for program participants to store their water bottles and any other belongings. This is also where the participants will receive their new racket, tennis ball, and a program shirt from the coach on the first day of the session. Participants keep the racket, tennis ball, and shirt - bringing their tennis ball and racket back each day to use in the program.
- Participants after disinfecting hands will mark their tennis ball and racket with their initials and/or an easy to identify design with a sharpie supplied by the coach.
- Participants may only touch (with their hands) their own tennis ball and will use their personalized tennis ball each day of the session for partner-based activities, individual skills, serving, and playing.

COACHES

- We are supplying PPE for our coaches and they will be wearing a mask and gloves while handing out equipment to players on the first day of the program and will also need to wear a mask whenever they would be within six feet of participants.
- Coaches will set up and be running activities for participants to maintain physical/social distancing, and so that participants are not catching or tossing any other participant's or the coach's tennis balls.
- Only the coach will be allowed to touch any supplied equipment for the program, balls, throw down lines, etc. Coaches cannot touch with their hands the participant's personalized tennis ball, racket, etcetera without disinfecting.

FUN

- With all of these safeguards, we also want to ensure that we offer a fun and engaging experience while the kids are learning and playing tennis!