

Tennis in the Parks COVID-19 Safeguards

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

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

- All participants are required to bring and wear a face mask when they arrive at the program and when they cannot maintain a physical distance (minimum of 6 feet) from others and adhere to any local, state, or federal mandates. Parents/guardians or program spectators are also required to bring and wear a mask when they cannot maintain a physical distance (minimum of 6 feet) from others while at the program and adhere to any local, state, or federal mandates.
- All players are also 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.
- 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.
- 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 racket back each day to use in the program.
- Participants after disinfecting hands will mark their tennis racket with their initials and/or an easy to identify design with a sharpie supplied by the coach.

COACHES

- Coaches will be wearing a mask in adherence with any local, state, or federal mandates and when they cannot maintain a physical distance (minimum of 6 feet) from participants, parents/guardian and hand sanitize.
- Coaches will set up and be running activities for participants to maintain physical/social distancing and will instruct participants to maintain a physical distance of a minimum of 6 feet.

FUN

- With these safeguards in place, we also want to ensure that we offer a fun and engaging experience for participants to learn and play tennis!