

# PLAYING IT SAFE - TENNIS

The Norridge Park District outdoor tennis courts will open for play on May 29th, with a number of provisions to protect the safety of our customers, employees and our community.

We believe tennis can be played at a safe physical distance outdoors and that it provides individuals an opportunity to exercise, appreciate nature, and promotes mental well-being. We are committed to safety and have a plan in place allowing players to play with as little contact as possible while adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

## How **THE EXPERIENCE** is changed

### ✓✓ Play Limitations

The courts will be available for recreational **singles** play only. Doubles play and lessons are not allowed at this time. Play is limited to **one** hour. Back to back play is not permitted but you may continue to play if courts are still available and no one is waiting.

### ✓✓ Use two cans of balls

Please use a differently numbered can of balls for each player or mark your ball with a unique identifier and handle only your ball when serving.

## How **THE GAME & COURTS** have changed

### ✓✓ Stray Balls

If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

on any court at any given time. Spectators are not permitted in the fenced court enclosure. No private lessons.

### ✓✓ ALL Doors are Locked Open

Entryways will be chained in the open position to limit touch points.

### ✓✓ Avoid all shared touchpoints

Do not handle the nets or other court apparatus. Mark your ball with a unique identifier and handle only your ball when serving.

### ✓✓ Fieldhouse Bathrooms and Water Fountains

There are NO bathrooms currently available and the fountains are turned OFF. Please bring your own water bottle.

### ✓✓ No Loitering Allowed

Please wait outside the court and maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other people and wear a cloth face covering. If you see others are waiting, please limit your court time to 1 hour or less.

### ✓✓ Singles Play Only

Tennis courts are open for singles play, no doubles play allowed. Maximum of two people

## How YOU CAN HELP keep it SAFE

### ✓✓ Don't play if you're sick

If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, have a fever, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19: stay home and protect other players.

### ✓✓ Maintain Space with your playing partner

High fives and handshakes are normally encouraged but for now keep your space from playing partners. Stay at least 6 feet away at the net and during changeovers, handle your own racquet, bag, etc.

### ✓✓ Bring your own hand sanitizer

Help keep your partner and other players safe and sanitize your hands frequently.

### ✓✓ navigating the entrance

Whenever possible enter the court from the doorway nearest your court. Please wait until the previous group has left to enter the court.

### ✓✓ Follow all USTA player safety guidelines

Our responsibility is to provide a safe, cautious, and slow return to tennis. Please review the [United States Tennis Association](#) website to learn more about playing tennis safely.

### ✓✓ Be a Good Citizen

With everyone following the guidelines and rules set forth, we are able to provide a safe and fun tennis experience. If patrons do not observe these rules, the courts may close or further restrict access to all tennis players.

## Failure to Follow Guidelines

We care about your health. The COVID-19 pandemic is very serious. Please be respectful of staff and fellow players at all times. **The park district reserves the right to close the courts at any time.**