

Club News and Tennis Update



Dear MTC Members,

After meeting with the City of Markham, we have been advised that all tennis clubs must follow the OTA Return to Play Guidelines. It is imperative that all members and staff follow the Covid-19 best practices and protocols. We have been very clear on our Tennis Is Safe messaging, and we need to ensure tennis continues to be the gold standard in providing a safe experience for our members and staff. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the current Covid-19 protocols set out below.

Wellness Check: Each player must complete the online screening at <u>https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/customer/</u> and present the results (green checkmark) to the monitor on duty prior to going on court. Spectators, additional family members and those waiting for a court are asked to wait outside the court area. Masks must be worn until you arrive at your assigned court and begin play.

Court Bookings: We will be open only for monitored hours. Gate code will not be given out during this stage. Hours for this weekend are as follows: Saturday, May 22nd & Sunday May 23rd 8am to 4pm and Monday, May 24th, 8am to 10pm. Courts will be assigned by the monitor on a first-come, first-served basis with a 1 hour per day limit. We will continue to provide further communication as we work out our ability to open for additional hours. Updates will be posted on our socials (Instagram & Facebook) and our website. You must have a valid 2021 MTC paid membership to play.

Court Play: At this time, the OTA guidelines state that we are permitted to play singles and doubles during this phase. There is a maximum of five people allowed on a court. There will be no programs until Stage 1 begins. Ontario expects to enter Stage One of the roadmap around June 14th.

Physical Distancing. Continue to follow health guidance and avoid close contact. Stay at least 2 meters apart, exception if you belong to the same household. There will be no member access to the clubhouse and no guests permitted. OTA Return to Play Guidelines will be shared on our website shortly and City signage will be posted around the club.

***A few other pointers to remember during this time:

• **Obey ALL protocols**. Our courts have been closed for too long, and it is imperative we remain diligent with our protocols to avoid fines or closures.

• **Before and after**. Do not carpool to courts during the remaining stay-at-home order, and do not stay in the parking lot after, for any gathering until regulations begin to allow this.

• Be respectful at all times to staff . Please understand these changes are happening in real time, and the staff are doing their best to meet protocols while providing a great tennis experience. Please be mindful of this and be kind.

Once again, we thank you for your continued patience and support. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts.

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