



In response to MN Governor Tim Walz's Executive Order 20-103, we are offering further guidance for indoor tennis facility managers who are looking to reopen their businesses safely.

Are people allowed to book courts for doubles, or just singles?

Players may reserve a court for singles or doubles play, provided they stay 12 feet apart from others and wear a mask at all times.

Do players have to wear a mask on-court if they have a medical condition?

Yes. While this order is in effect, players must wear a mask at all times while in your facility. USTA is not aware of any data that shows wearing a cloth mask while exercising is harmful to anyone with underlying lung or heart disease. We do recommend that a cloth mask, and not a more restrictive mask such as an N95, be used. Also, we recommend players check with their physician or family doctor to get their opinion as well. Mayo Clinic offers a helpful mask guide for the general population.

Are people allowed to play tennis with others outside of their household?

The executive order states that you should not intermingle with more than two households indoors. This is a great time for families to schedule time at your facility to play tennis together or with other close contacts.

Are players allowed to book a private lesson with their local pro?

Yes, private and semi-private lessons are allowed with a maximum of two households indoors or three households outdoors.

When will group lessons/drills be allowed to start up again?

January 4th

When will leagues and tournaments be allowed to start up again?

We anticipate that adult competition will return first, when the current EO expires on Jan 11th and that youth competition will follow. We expect to receive confirmation on this and further guidance from MDH on December 23rd.

What should we do about players who are crossing state lines to play in tournaments?

Executive Order 99 is still in effect and recommends that people travelling across state lines quarantine for 14 days.

Is there any research which identifies the potential for COVID-19 to be transmitted on tennis balls?

A recent study determined that the surface of sport balls, notably football, golf, cricket, and tennis balls, are unlikely to harbor SARS-CoV-2 in a manner that is compatible with risk of developing COVID-19 from handling the ball during normal play. The International Tennis Federation (ITF) Sport Science and Medicine Commission, the USTA Sport Science Committee, and the USTA Medical Advisory Group support this conclusion.

At all times, we encourage you to follow the guidance put out by the USTA Medical Advisory Group on playing tennis safely during the pandemic.