



The City of Evanston Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is pleased to announce the reopening of our outdoor tennis courts as an outdoor recreation activity under new rules and guidelines to manage the health and safety of our community. To continue the promotion of social distancing at our court locations, half of our court capacity at each location will be in operation and every other court will be made available for public use. Playgrounds and other courts are not open at this time.

By reopening, our intention is to provide another opportunity for a healthy outdoor activity while keeping within the recommended guidelines of the State of Illinois. We will continuously evaluate the situation and inform the community of any decisions made. We recognize the seriousness of the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and urge residents to stay home if they are sick, or if they've been in contact with someone who is sick.

Before you play:

- Read the guidelines and court rules
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Stay home if you have household members who are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms
- Wash your hands with disinfectant soap and water(20 seconds or longer) or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available before going to the court.
- Bring your own full water bottle, food and plan accordingly for restroom breaks- THERE ARE NO WATER FOUNTAINS OR PUBLIC RESTROOMS AVAILABLE.
- Bring your own racquets or any other equipment such as wristbands, grips, uniforms, hat, and towels(no sharing of these items, please)
- Bring different numbered/marked balls for each player to allow serving. Each player will serve their own balls.
- Do not bring spectators to the court. No spectators or groups are allowed.
- Do not bring any pets or animals to the courts.

When playing:

- **Courts are open from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. only**
- Playing with household members is strongly encouraged.
- **COURTS ARE ONLY OPEN FOR SINGLES(1 V 1). DOUBLE(2V2) IS NOT ALLOWED.**

- Stay at least six feet apart from each other. Stay on your side of the court and please do not make physical contact with each other. No hand shaking or high fives, please.
- Only a maximum of 2 people are allowed on the court.
- Avoid changing ends of the court.
- Refrain from handling nets or other court apparatus.
- If a ball comes from another court, please return it using only a racquet/foot.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks or towels.
- Only return your opponent's ball with your racquet.

After playing:

- All players should leave the courts immediately after playing. No congregating is allowed.
- No extra-curricular, parties or other social activities should take place.
- Take out any material that you brought to the court with you.

For City Staff:

- Monitor games and remind players of the social distancing requirements.
- Place signs, court rules and guidelines at all tennis courts.
- Clean and disinfect gates, net posts and net tapes.
- Report incidences of noncompliance to the authorities.

If these rules are not followed, the City of Evanston reserves the right to close the courts immediately or take other steps as needed. Additionally, if the Governor issues mandates closing outdoor courts and/or the Centers for Disease Control adjusts their recommendations, the City of Evanston will act accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text 847-448-4311.