

# Stone Harbor Expectations for Tennis & Pickleball Play

These Guidelines are being presented for the sole purpose of providing a safe environment for you AND for others participating in Stone Harbor Tennis & Pickleball. Your adherence to these Guidelines is expected and any disregard for others safety will not be tolerated.

## GENERAL:

Out of respect for our staff and athletes, we ask that you please do not come to the courts if you have ANY symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have been ANYWHERE you may have been exposed.

## GUIDELINES:

- Players must sign up IN groups of 2 or 4 for ONE time slot
- Play is limited to 90 min.
- Time slots are by the half hour starting at 8am (You must also have a reservation for free play 12-4pm)
- Players may only play in ONE time slot per day
- Only 50% of the courts will be occupied to adhere to social distancing
- Bring your own water or fluids. Bring your own ball(s) and mark them. Your own racquet is required
- Bring disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer and/or wipes.
- Gloves and masks are highly recommended

## UPON ARRIVAL

- Please do not show up without a reservation. The player who made the reservation must wear a mask to check in their party after they have all arrived, and are ready to play. Players will be required to use their own equipment (rackets, paddles, balls) as equipment will not be available for rent by the Borough.
- Make every attempt to stay at least 6' from others at all times.

## PLAY

Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five). You should consider not playing doubles, which could lead to incidental contact and unwanted proximity. If you do play doubles, avoid all incidental contact. Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Wash your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth. Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls. Stay on your side of the court. Avoid changing ends of the court. If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

## ENTERING /EXITING COURTS:

- A maximum of 4 people are permitted inside the fencing per court. All four must be playing. No spectators inside the court.
- Players are to only enter the court once the previous reservation exits.
- Only players with a reservation may be at the facility.
- No extra-curricular or social activity can take place. No congregation after playing. All players must leave the facility after play.

**\*SUGGESTION FOR BALL(S) HANDLING:** It's possible that a tennis or pickleball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. Here are a few suggestions!

**Tennis Players-** Open two cans of tennis balls that do not share the same number on the ball. Take one set of numbered balls, and have your playing partner take a set of balls from the other can. Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only.

**Pickleballers-** Due to the ball being plastic and easy to clean, a small plastic bucket of sanitizing solution will be provided at all courts, please use at your discretion.