

## **Township of Cranford** **Hillside Avenue Tennis Court Rules**

*The Township's reopening rules of the Hillside Avenue Tennis Courts are adapted from U.S. Tennis Association recommendations "Playing Tennis Safely: Facility and Programming Recommendations."*

*Players must practice social distancing by keeping a minimum of six (6) feet apart from other players to ensure you and your fellow players are in a safe exercise environment.*

*Although there is no specific evidence that tennis balls can spread COVID-19, we know that contamination by respiratory droplets from an infected person can potentially survive on a hard surface for three days. Please take the necessary precautions while playing.*

### **PREPARING TO PLAY**

#### **Protect against infections:**

- Wash your hands with a disinfectant soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court.
- Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles. Do not share racquets or any other equipment such as wristbands, grips, hats and towels.
- Bring a full water bottle to ensure proper hydration.
- Use new balls if possible.
- Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches, etc. if you can.

### **WHEN PLAYING**

- Singles Play ONLY. No spectators are allowed on the courts. Maximum of 10 participants inside the court fence.
- Stay at least a minimum of six (6) feet apart from other players.
- 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.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks or towels.
- Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using hands to pick up the balls.
- Stay on your side of court. Avoid changing ends of the court.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

### **AFTER PLAYING**

- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place. No congregation after playing.
- All players should leave the facility immediately after play.

**ALL PLAYERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE RESPECT THESE RULES. FAILURE TO DO SO  
MAY RESULT IN A RE-CLOSURE OF THE COURTS.**