Tennis Facility Guidelines

As required by TEA and UIL, all school districts must develop a plan for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

* **All Player, Coaches, Spectators must prescreen for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving and entering facility. If experiencing any symptoms do not enter any facilities. Symptoms are as followed:** aches & pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste or smell, rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes

Serious symptoms: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest pain or pressure

**Face Covering**

* All coaches, players and spectators must wear a face covering at **ALL TIMES** within facility grounds.
  + Exceptions to the wearing of face covering include:
    - When a player is actively playing a match on court.
    - While a person is consuming food or drink.

**Grounds**

* Spectators and players will have designated areas within each facility.
* **Teams** will have a designated area within the player only area where they can wait between matches. Please make sure your players bring chairs, warm gear (blankets) in case of cold weather. **Players need to remain in their teams spot, they cannot congregate with other teams**.
* Spectators cannot go into the player only areas.
* No players are allowed inside buildings, except restroom.
* **Please have players bring ice and water to the facility**, coaches can only come inside to refill players ice and water.
* **HAVE YOUR PLAYERS BRING THEIR LUNCH**
* Have a cooler for snacks and drinks that your players can access at your teams designated spot. NEISD Tennis Center grounds will be roped off in order to keep distance between spectators and students.
* Preassigned space will be attributed to each team in order to keep social distancing.
* Spectator seating is limited in bleachers. Bleachers will be marked off to encourage social distancing.
* Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chair.

**During Play**

* Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained at all times. Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches and wash your hands with soap and water if available or use hand sanitizer frequently.
* Opponents must keep equipment on opposite sides of the court, this way they are not coming in close contact during change overs.
* **PLAYERS CANNOT use the permanent court benches on the courts. If they want to sit during changeovers make sure they bring their own chair** **or sit on ground.**
* Clean and wipe down your own equipment and do not share equipment including racquets, hats, towels, etc.
* Maintain a least 6 feet of social distancing as feasible during play. Limit physical contact with other players as much as possible (no shaking hands or high fives)
* Avoid touching tennis balls from other courts that enter your court of play (use racquet or foot to send back)

**Restrooms, Lobby**

* Face covering must be wear at all time inside restroom, locker room and lobby.
* No more than 2 people at a time in Restrooms.
* Restrooms will be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
* No congregating in restrooms.
* Only authorized staff (administrator) will be allowed in the lobby.
* Water fountains and ice makers will not be available for use. Players will be required to bring own water and ice. Coaches can only to come into lobby to refill players ice/water if needed.