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Playing Tennis Safely Letter

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Message from Loveland Tennis Association—

Play at your own risk: Throughout this pandemic, Loveland Tennis Association has provided links and updates to members and players related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These materials stress the importance that everyone adhere to State and Local regulations and guidelines – as these take precedence and must be followed. As such, tennis facility representatives are making decisions (based on their respective local regulations) and these may vary from one site or jurisdiction to another. Please be aware of and abide by those decisions and policies; and be respectful of other players' safety concerns. As with all public activity, there is an assumption of risk that each player takes on when choosing to participate.

Obviously, if you are not feeling well or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, or if you are concerned with your own health during the pandemic, please do not participate until such time as you are healthy and feel more comfortable.

City Guidelines for Safe Play:

- 1) No more than 4 people per court.
- 2) If you are waiting for a court you may need to sit in your car or spread out in the park until a match is over.
- 3) Do not stand at the gate or fence, do not enter a court until all players from previous match have left the court.
- 4) Do not gather under a shelter.
- 5) Sanitation of rackets and balls will be individual players responsibility.
- 6) Masks will be optional but have it with you and if another player requests you wear one, please respect their wishes and put it on.

Other Recommendations & Tips:

- 1) Do not share racquets or any other equipment such as wristbands, grips, hats and towels.
- 2) 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
- 3) Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
- 4) Maintain physical distancing if changing ends of the court, remain apart from other players when taking a break & avoid physical contact from other players (ex: handshake, high-five, etc.)