

MLTC COVID 19 MEMBER GUIDELINES

As of 11/6/20, the state has required masks to be worn at all times, including when playing on a tennis court. This will supersede our policies outlined below. We hope this mandate is short-lived since tennis is not a high-risk activity.

General guidelines

- Do not visit the club if you are not feeling well. Do not send your child to his/her lesson if they are not feeling well.
- If you are returning from a higher-risk state as defined by the Department of Health, you will need to either quarantine for 14 days or produce a COVID test within 72 hours prior to your arrival to Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>
- Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be at the club to avoid standing time.
- We ask that anyone not playing (e.g. parents who normally sit and watch) not enter the indoor space at East or West unless you need to escort your child to their class. After you have ensured that your child has made it to their class safely, please exit the building. When picking them up, please enter close to the ending time so that you will not need to stand and wait very long. If your child is participating at the outdoor courts, you may stay and watch. Please maintain at least six feet of distance from the fence and from any nearby persons.
- Remaining inside the indoor facility to wait/watch/work is currently prohibited. Please wait in your car outside of the building.
- A mask must be worn at all times when indoors at East except AFTER reaching your designated court to play. Once you have reached your designated court, wearing a mask is optional. We allow this only because our courts are equipped with industrial grade exhaust fans that remove the internal air and allow fresh air to enter into the building. In the winter we run internal fans on each indoor court that pull the air from higher elevations in the building. When outdoors, masks are optional, however you must adhere to being at least 6 feet apart from others. At MLTC West, masks must be worn at all times except after having reached your court and when about to play. West offers the benefit of positive pressure inside of the dome. The blower brings in outside air and then pushes the internal air out through the cracks and seams throughout the structure.
- Maintain the recommended minimum distance from other people of at least six feet at all times
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout both clubs and on every court, including outdoors.
- Exit court no later than when your time ends in order to minimize passing others on their way to the court.

Limit your contact with surfaces at the facility

- Scoring devices will no longer be available at East and West.
- On-court chairs will not be available at either facility.
- All club ball hoppers have been removed, but you may bring your own basket to pick up balls if you wish.
- Trash receptacles will no longer be available at East and West. This means we are adopting a carry-in/carry-out policy.
- Although we have always enjoyed providing Kleenex tissues on all of the courts, we can no longer make those available.
- Restroom facilities will be available at MLTC East but the showers will not be in use. At MLTC West, the clubhouse will not be open however a porta potty is available outside of the facility.
- The ball machine at MLTC East will not be available until further notice.
- We can no longer offer use of the water stations at MLTC East. Players will need to remember to bring their own water bottles to the courts. A small table will be on the court where they can be placed. It will also be where the sanitizer is located.
- Although purchases can still be made at the front desk at East, all transactions will need to be placed onto your account or processed via credit card. Desk staff will not be handling paper money.
- The pro shop will remain open, but please wait for staff assistance before touching anything.
- When using the staircase at East, please wait for people to come up or go down so that you will not cross on the stairwell.
- When entering MLTC West, we ask that you enter the facility by not using your hands, and instead, use your back or elbow/forearm to push the revolving door.
- If you need to escort your child into either facility and you have toddlers in tow, we kindly ask that you hold their hand the entire time they are in the facility so as to avoid any unnecessary contact with surfaces and to also maintain adequate distancing from others.
- While playing, pick up and return stray balls to other courts with your foot and racket instead of your hand.
- It is an open question as to whether or not balls can be a viable vector for the virus. Such a porous and heavily chemically treated surface may not be suitable for transmitting the pathogen. Since we do not know the answer, then we need to assume that it can. We expect players to sanitize their hands both before and after lessons.
- At the end of your match, thank your opponent by not shaking their hand.

Thank you for your cooperation! We are all in this together!