

YAKIMA PARK & RECREATION PICKLEBALL & TENNIS COURTS RE-OPENING PROTOCOLS



OVERVIEW

Parks and Recreation staff are in the process of re-opening the tennis and pickleball courts in accordance with the Safe Start Yakima County plan. First and foremost, the safety of our families and staff is our highest priority.

We will be implementing the protocols included in this plan with approval from the Yakima Health District and the Governor's Office. We ask that all tennis and pickleball players follow the protocols in order to be allowed to keep our courts open. The identified measures have been determined by the CDC and utilized throughout the country. Due to the unpredictability of COVID-19, operational interruptions may be unavoidable at this time. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we go through this period of time together.

Please enjoy your tennis and pickleball courts while following these rules to ensure that the courts can remain open, clean, and safe during this public health emergency.

RESOURCE - Center for Disease Control

IF YOU CHOOSE TO PLAY PICKLEBALL OR TENNIS

- ***Wear a mask whenever you are not playing and are in close proximity to others.***
- ***Social distancing requirements must be observed at all times. A 6-foot separation must be maintained at all times when not playing.***
- ***Players must refrain from congregating in groups anywhere on or around the courts.***
- ***Players must wash or sanitize their hands upon arriving and immediately before starting play. Sanitize hands again when changing opponents.***
- ***Players will need to bring their own hand sanitizer or antibacterial wipes and use them throughout play.***
- ***Each player may only play with 4 different people per day to comply with rules of maximum group of 5 people. Common Pickleball protocol of moving between courts and players is NOT allowed at this time.***
- ***Do not touch balls from other courts, return the ball to them without touching it.***
- ***Players will forgo the traditional after round handshake or paddle tap and meeting at the net within 6 feet of someone is NOT allowed at this time.***
- ***Players will immediately leave the courts after play is finished. Please find a place in the park to rehash your game and maintain 6 foot separation.***
- ***Players must cover coughs and sneezes with a disposable tissue or cough and sneeze into the elbow rather than hands, and throw tissues away after use; wash or sanitize hands after coughing or sneezing***
- ***If you are sick or are feeling sick, do not come to the courts.***

Outdoor areas generally require normal routine cleaning and do not require disinfection. Spraying disinfectant on sidewalks and in parks is not an efficient use of disinfectant supplies and has not been proven to reduce the risk of COVID-19 to the public.