



Ken-Caryl Ranch Tennis Safety Guidelines

Phase 1: Facility Re-opening Public Safety Protocols

Hours of Operation: Daily, Community Center, Bradford and Ranch House Courts 7-9 and Centre Court are open sunrise to sunset and Ranch House Courts 1-6 are open until 10pm. Light switches are located on the courts. Hours are subject to change if necessary, in accordance with current Jefferson County orders.

Summary

Ken-Caryl Ranch is currently implementing the following guidelines and safety protocols to ensure the health and safety of all our residents, staff and guests. Guests that cannot adhere to or follow the guidelines will be asked to leave. These protocols have been put in place for your protection and must be adhered to by all tennis center visitors.

If you are feeling sick or have any symptoms related to the virus, please stay home!

Public Precautions:

Preparing to Play:

- Please follow the most current guidelines or order for mask wearing. Updates can be found on our [COVID-19 updates page](#).
- Wash your hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before going to the court. (Please bring your own sanitizer and or sanitizing wipes.)
- Do not share tennis balls. It is recommended that balls be labeled or numbered for each player. If possible, use new balls and a new grip.
- 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.
- Please bring your own water bottle, hand wipes and towel.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so in a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches, etc.

During play:

- Try to stay at least 6 feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five).
- You should consider not playing doubles, which could lead to incidental contact and unwanted proximity. If you do play doubles, avoid all incidental contact.
- Play is recommended between two players or to members residing in the same household.

- 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 your hands to pick up the balls.
- Do not share balls. Labeling balls is recommended for each player.
- 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.

Although unlikely, it is possible that a tennis ball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. Added safety precautions regarding the safe handling of tennis equipment include:

- Open two cans of tennis balls that do not share the same number on the ball or use a different brand.
- Take one set of numbered balls and have your playing partner(s) take a set of balls from the other can(s).
- Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only. Should a ball with the other number wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.

Following Play:

- Leave the court as soon as possible. Avoid lingering or gathering in groups following play.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place following play.
- All players should leave the facility immediately after play.
- Remain 6 feet apart, per current social distancing guidelines.

Ken-Caryl Ranch Facility/Equipment Sanitization Guidelines:

- Avoid use of benches, picnic tables or any other seating
- Staff will clean high touch surfaces daily

Additional Guidelines for Private Lessons:

- Please stay in your car until your exact training time. The building will remain locked and the tennis pro will let you into the building at your scheduled time.
- Please do not congregate at the entrance to the building if you are in a group session and not in the same household.
- Staff are required to wear a mask.
- Only one parent/guardian may accompany a child or children to the facility
- Capacity of the building will follow the most current guidelines.
- No children under 18 allowed in the facility if not participating in an activity.
- Please reschedule your session if you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19.
- Teaching staff will have assigned baskets and equipment.
- Tennis balls and equipment will only be handled by the tennis professionals.
- Staff will sanitize carts, baskets, and high touch areas after each personal fitness tennis session.
- Balls will be sanitized daily.
- No serving during lessons or drills unless each player has their own assigned balls.
- Teaching staff will feed from the net post or same side of court while adhering strictly to the social distancing recommendations.
- Court dots will be used to strategically place participants who are not actively playing.
- Players will remain on the same court for the entire drill to limit contact with other participants.
- Court dividers will always remain closed.
- On court staff will practice social distancing regardless of what is being taught.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure the safety of all residents, guests and staff during this time. We are all in this together!

Be well, play safe!