



## Updates to “Return to Play” Facility Protocol - Stage 3

Effective July 17, 2020 the Provincial Government has allowed a majority of regions to enter phase 3 of the Province’s recovery plan.

Below are the OTA’s **Stage 3 recommended updates** for safe club and facility protocol. Please click [here](#) to access the Ontario Government document, “**A Framework for Opening Our Province, Stage 3**”. Refer to page 6 for a list of Ontario regions that are permitted to enter Stage 3 as of July 17, 2020. Refer to page 19 for information on Team Sports and Live Sporting Events.

### Return to Play - Stage 3 Recommendations

1. Continue to emphasize physical distancing among players on the court and at the tennis facility (2 metres).
2. No need to log player visits but continue to limit club access to your known membership base and inter-club league members, in case they need to be notified by Public Health for contact tracing (no public access).
3. There have been no known transmissions of the COVID-19 virus through the sharing of a tennis balls. Balls may be shared while on the court, but players should continue to practise good hand hygiene using sanitizer before, during and after play.
4. Coaching, lessons and clinics can be expanded to groups of 6 (students)-1 (Pro) ratio and tennis camps may have 8 (children) - 2 (pros) ratio.
5. Allow limited use of indoor spaces like clubhouses as long as physical distancing is maintained and face masks are used.
6. Allow members to remain as spectators at the club before or after playing if physical distancing is maintained.
7. Allow limited use of benches and chairs while maintaining physical distancing.
8. Large gatherings in enclosed areas (clubhouses) or on the court, patio or deck areas should be avoided.
9. Continue to maintain a high standard of cleanliness, with regular cleaning of touchpoints, clubhouses, bathrooms, etc.
10. Amateur and recreational tennis leagues (singles and doubles) may resume so long as they do not allow prolonged or deliberate physical contact between players or if they have modifications to avoid physical contact between players.
11. Tennis Leagues must contain no more than 50 participants total. If participants in a league exceed 50, the league may divide into smaller groups of no more than 50. Players are not yet permitted to play against players outside of their league or group.