

Robinswood Tennis Center
COVID-19 Updated Facial Covering Guidance
September 1, 2021

On August 19, 2021, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, subsequently amending and extending, proclaiming a State of Emergency due to an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States and community spread of COVID-19 in Washington State. The updated Statewide face covering guidance went into effect on August 23, 2021. The updated guidance for tennis can be summarized as follows:

1. **Tennis is a Low Contact Sport** = “Low contact sports: tennis, pickleball, golf, gymnastics, climbing, skating, archery, fencing, cross country, track and field, sideline/no-contact cheer and no-contact dance, disc golf.”
2. **Face covering requirement – Outdoor** = “Low contact outdoor sports athletes may remove facial coverings for training and competitions. Facial coverings must be worn by athletes when not actively training or competing.”
3. **Face covering requirement – Indoor** = “Low contact indoor sports athletes may remove facial coverings during competitions. Facial coverings must be worn by athletes when training or when not actively competing.”
4. **Face covering requirement – Coaches** = “Coaches, trainers, and officials must wear facial coverings at all times.”

The requirement to wear facial coverings while training but not when competing is complex with no clear definition of competition. This puts each facility in the position of having to determine, based on their individual circumstances, what activities or programs constitute competition versus training. The Robinswood Tennis Center will take every precaution to ensure the safety of customers and staff in applying the updated guidance. The Robinswood Tennis Center defines all instructional activities as training. Face coverings will continue to be required for all instructional activities until indoor training has officially been exempted by the state.

Robinswood Tennis Center facial covering protocol effective 8/23/2021:

Face coverings are required to participate in the following activities whether the participant is fully vaccinated or not:

- Indoor Adult programs & USTA team practices.
- Indoor Youth Saturday programs & weekday Jr. Tennis Teams.
- Indoor Private & small group lesson instruction.
- Face coverings are considered optional for the following activities:
 - Outdoor Singles & Doubles court bookings.
 - Outdoor Lessons & Programs.
 - Outdoor USTA team practices.
 - Outdoor ball machine rental.
 - USTA Adult League match play.

- Indoor Singles & Doubles court bookings (when actively playing tennis – players must still wear face covering going to and from their court).
 - Indoor Ball machine rentals (when actively playing tennis).
- Face coverings will be worn by RTC staff at all times.

The decision of adopting the current protocols is to follow State guidance and an effort to continue to provide a safe place to play tennis and help keep our staff safe. Thank you for your patience and continued support as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.

-Robinswood Tennis Center/Bellevue Parks & Community Services