



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**COVID-19 is highly contagious.**

**COVID-19 can have serious consequences for people of any age and can and has led to death.**

## **Second Stage**

These measures have been produced in line with the Government announcement on Thursday 28 May and the publication of detailed Government guidance on Sunday (31 May) on the easing of lockdown restrictions.

The revised measures are in place to allow doubles play, and coaching activities for small groups, and **must** be adhered to. The measures are for everyone's safety.

The most important things to remember are:

- To keep at least 2 metres apart
- Do not share food or water
- Wash hands
- **The clubhouse is closed.**

As well as everyone being careful, the following measures for social distancing at BLTC must be observed.

1. Courts must be pre-booked online – this is to reduce the risk of people turning up on spec and hanging around. Additionally, in the event of an outbreak, we will be able to trace who was on court.
2. Both singles play and doubles play is now permitted with people from outside your household, providing you remain 2 metres apart – meaning that four people from different households can now play doubles.

To comply with the law, it is important to note that you do not interchange with other groups. You play with three other people only. You do not hang around to watch, or join in, other games.

3. Coached sessions are limited to groups of no more than 6 people, including the coach(es).
4. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING other than where players are from the same household:
  - a. Stay at least two metres away from other players (including during play, when taking breaks and before and after play)
  - b. Do not make physical contact with other players (such as shaking hands or high five) instead, use a racket wave.
  - c. Avoid chasing the ball down to another court if other players are using it



- d. For doubles, agree in advance which player will take the shot if a ball travels to the centre of the court
5. The clubhouse can be accessed by an individual (not more than one person) to switch the floodlights on and off. **Otherwise the clubhouse is CLOSED.**
6. The toilets should only be used if **absolutely necessary**. Particular care must be taken to wipe all surfaces after use with disinfectant wipes. Hands must be thoroughly washed. Apart from people from the same household, only one person to enter the toilets at a time.
7. Players not to congregate on the court, or the terrace, before and after play. To do so would potentially breach the rule about groups up to six people from different households.

**You cannot gather outdoors in a group of more than six**

8. Players must always keep 2m distance including walking to and from the courts, and when playing and changing ends unless they are from the same household.
9. Use the entrance near the scouts' hut for entry and the court 4 gate to exit. Ensure gates close behind you. **Special care with gate at court 4 AS THIS GATE DOES NOT CLOSE BY ITSELF.**
10. Disposable gloves to be worn to sweep courts 1 and 2 after play and to adjust net height.
11. Bring handwash and make sure to wash hands on arriving home.
12. If you sneeze, don't let droplets go into the air, sneeze into a handkerchief or your elbow.
13. Bring wipes to wipe anything players have touched.
14. Do not touch other players things including tennis rackets, bags, coats etc

The intention is that you arrive, play and leave to minimise contact.

We simply cannot risk putting our members' health at risk or having the courts closed down for contravening the strict guidelines, under which are allowed to open.

We appreciate this is hard, however we have to make it clear that if we receive complaints about breach of the guidelines, we as a committee will have no choice but to suspend the individuals until the all-clear, to avoid risk to health or closure of the club.

These measures will be revised as new information is received from  
Government or LTA.