



# KEEPING YOU HEALTHY (PLAYERS/PST)

## AUSTRALIAN SUMMER OF TENNIS 2023

As we live with infectious illnesses in our community, we can continue to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and make sure we can all enjoy the Australian Summer of Tennis in 2023. Tennis Australia is committed to taking steps to help keep you healthy and performing at your best!

There are several things you can do to help protect yourself and others from infectious illnesses:

- Minimise the time that you spend in confined indoor spaces; open doors and windows where you can;
- Wear a well-fitting face mask, especially in medical settings and if you are a close contact of someone diagnosed with an infectious illness;
- Be up to date with any vaccine you are eligible to receive;
- Continue to practice good hygiene by regularly washing your hands and covering sneezes and coughs; and
- Be mindful of those around you and communicate with them if you feel unwell, so they can take their own precautions.

Below are answers to some FAQs that will help you understand key matters that may affect your participation in the Australian Summer of Tennis for 2022/23.

Note: the guidance outlined in the FAQs below does NOT apply to WTA players competing in the United Cup, Adelaide International and Hobart International events for 2022/23. WTA players must continue to follow WTA COVID-19 protocols at these events. Please contact the WTA's Performance Health team if you have further questions.

- 1) Are there pre-screening or pre-testing requirements to play this year?** No, there are no pre-screening or pre-testing requirements to play.
- 2) Can I still play if I feel unwell with an infectious illness?** We advise you to contact the Tournament Physician and/or attend the Player Medical Centre. The medical team will discuss appropriate management with you. Following advice from the Tournament Physician, you can then decide if you are well enough to play.
- 3) Can I (or a member of my PST) come on-site if I feel unwell with an infectious illness?** We recommend that you stay off-site while you are unwell. If you come on-site, you should only access facilities and services at our events that are essential services for competition. We request that you disclose your illness status to any essential service provider.
- 4) Do I (or a member of my PST) have to wear a mask?** If you have symptoms of an infectious illness or have been diagnosed with an infectious illness, you must wear a well-fitting K95, KN95 or P2 face mask when are you are indoors or around others, until your symptoms resolve and at least for 7 days from your diagnosis. You don't have to wear a mask when on court playing, eating or drinking, or actively exercising, all of which we encourage you to do outside.

Stay well this summer! If you have any concerns, please contact Carolyn Broderick, Chief Medical Officer ([Carolyn.broderick@tennis.com.au](mailto:Carolyn.broderick@tennis.com.au))

*The above guidance is effective from 26 December 2022 and applies to the Australian Summer of Tennis events until 31 January 2023 (other than the WTA events listed above, for which the WTA COVID-19 Protocols will apply). If you are playing Juniors, your legal guardian will also be consulted. The information contained in this fact sheet is subject to change.*