



## Seascape Sports Club Update #5

COVID-19

### TO OUR MEMBERS

The past several weeks have been challenging for all of us. We sincerely hope each of you has been able to remain healthy - both physically and mentally. As you know, we reopened our tennis courts to “members of the same household or living unit” May 11. In addition, we opened Court 6 and Court 7 for ball machine usage. It has been great reconnecting with many of our Members and it has been especially fun seeing families playing tennis together.

**The Club is now open 8am to 6pm daily; and courts may be reserved 24 hours in advance.**

On each court we have relocated the benches to opposite sides and provided spray bottles with sanitizer. We have also opened the bathrooms on each side of the Club to wash and sanitize your hands. You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer to supplement what’s available at the Club.

We have been communicating regularly with the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors through our Supervisor, Zach Friend, in an effort to gain approval to safely reopen more portions of the Club. To date, we have had no luck. Here is our latest communication which we sent yesterday.

*Zach,*

*Earlier this week Gov. Newsom updated guidance conditions in which he allowed “regional variance for counties to move further into Stage 2 when they attest to meeting certain criteria”. In Stage 2, tennis courts and pickleball courts are permitted to be reopened.*

*In Stage 2, “public pools” are not permitted to be reopened. Seascape Sports Club’s Junior Olympic Size 5-Lane Lap Pool is not open to the public. NOWHERE can I find that a PRIVATE POOL such as Seascape’s is specifically excluded from Stage 2.*

*We request our Tennis Courts and Pickleball Courts be reopened using USTA guidelines related to COVID-19.*

*We also request our Private Lap Pool be reopened under the following guidelines: (1) one person per lane; (2) a staff person assigned to ensure proper social distancing guidelines are followed and to sanitize high contact surfaces throughout the day; and (3) no locker room access. The CDC states well maintained pools are safe from COVID-19.*

*Gov. Newsom indicated the state “will begin moving into the second phase of his four-phase reopening plan, which*

*involves reopening businesses and workplaces that are deemed low-risk because they can easily enact social distancing guidelines”. Clearly, Seascape Sports Club can easily meet this criterion when it is allowed to reopen its private tennis courts, private pickleball courts and private lap pool.*

*It makes no sense that Santa Cruz County would deny our request, when Mayor Garcetti of LA County just announced he is reopening “low contact recreational activities” including tennis courts and pickleball courts (see article below). As of yesterday, Santa Cruz County had only 146 cases of COVID-19 with just 2 deaths (which occurred over two months ago) and one person hospitalized. SCC is no LA County!*

*Please share this email with both the Board of Supervisors and the County’s Chief Health Officer, Dr. Gail Newel. We look forward to their response.*

*Paul Kepler, Owner  
Seascape Sports Club*

*<https://abc7.com/safer-at-home-la-county-stay-at-home-order-coronavirus-in/6179609/>*

If you wish to express your own thoughts to Zach, you can email him at [Zach.Friend@SantaCruzCounty.us](mailto:Zach.Friend@SantaCruzCounty.us).  
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