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**Kia Ora Auckland Tennis Players,**

We know how tough things are right now with the current outbreak and wanted to reach out to you on behalf of the tennis community to let you know what we're doing to ensure our game can still be played safely and within the rules for Level 3.1 in Auckland.

The chance to connect with friends and whanau from one additional household, and to enjoy recreation outdoors is so important for our mental health. Tennis is the perfect sport to enjoy in a safe, distanced outdoor environment. You'll have fun, keep fit and enjoy the company of others.

We've developed a set of guidelines based on current advice from Sport New Zealand and the Government COVID-19 Response Group that make tennis safe and enjoyable under Level 3.1. These guidelines allow for play between a maximum of two households as well as individual or small group coaching sessions (less than 10 people) with a professional tennis coach. For more details on how to play safely during Level 3.1 please [click here](#).

Your clubs, coaches, Tennis Auckland, Tennis Northern and Tennis NZ are all working hard to ensure you can still enjoy the game we love. If you don't feel comfortable hitting the court just now, that's completely fine, however if you have questions about play under the current restrictions, we do encourage you to reach out to your club or coach to learn what they are putting in place to keep everyone safe.

Brighter times will come soon enough for Auckland; in the meantime, we hope tennis can be a highlight for you during lockdown!

**Kia Kaha Auckland – We'll get through this together!**

Ngā Mihi,



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