

INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING COVID-19

This document contains important information about our decision (yours and mine) to resume in-person services in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

Decision to Meet Face-to-Face

We have agreed to meet in person for some, or all future sessions. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, I may require that we meet via telehealth. If you have concerns about meeting via telehealth, we will talk about it first and try to address any issues. You understand that, if I believe it necessary, I may determine that we return to telehealth for everyone's wellbeing.

If you decide at any time that you would feel safer staying with, or returning to telehealth services, I will respect that decision, as long as it is feasible and clinically appropriate. Reimbursement for telehealth services, is also determined by the insurance companies and applicable law, so that is an issue we may also need to discuss.

Risks of Opting for In-Person Services

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus (or other public health risk). This risk may increase if you travel by public transportation or ridesharing service.

Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions, which will help keep everyone (you, me, our families, the other staff and other clients) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death.

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free.
- You will wear a mask into the building, waiting area and hallway if physically able.
- You will work to keep social distance of 6 feet apart from staff and other clients.
- You will wait in your car or outside until no earlier than 5 minutes before our appointment time.
- You will use hand sanitizer as needed.
- If you have any exposure to other people that are infected with the corona virus you will inform me and/or my staff prior to entering the building and will cancel any face-to-face appointments for 14 days thereafter.
- If you are bringing your child, you will make sure your child follows these sanitation and distancing protocols.

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

- Office seating in the waiting room and in therapy rooms has been arranged for appropriate physical distancing.
- My staff and I wear masks in public areas of the office.
- We work to maintain social distancing.

- Pens, clipboards and other areas that are commonly touched are sanitized after each use.
- Physical contact is not permitted.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the waiting room and in the offices.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed.
- Common areas are thoroughly disinfected at the end of the day if not sooner.
- We can decide together once in the therapy room, whether we keep our masks on or not.

If You or I Are Sick

You understand that I am committed to keeping you, me, my staff, and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and I, or my staff, believe, that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, I will have to require you to leave the office immediately. We can follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate.

If I, or my staff test positive for the corona virus, I or my staff will notify you so that you can take the appropriate precautions.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for the corona virus, I may be required to notify local health authorities that you have been in the office. If I have to report this, I will only provide the minimum information necessary for their data collection and will not go into any details about the reason(s) for our visits. By signing this form, you are agreeing that I may do so without an additional release.

Your signature below shows that you agree to these terms and conditions.

Client/Guardian Date

Therapist Date