

INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES

During the Covid-19 Public Health Crisis

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This document contains important information about our decision (yours and mine) to begin/resume in-person services in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Our decision is based in part on recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), but other factors may be considered. Some of these include but are not limited to: whether we and our families have been vaccinated, our health or the health of those we are in close contact with, and risk of exposure outside of this setting. There may be other concerns that we can talk about.

Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions. When you sign this document, it will be an official agreement between us.

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, however, I may require that we meet via Telehealth. If you have concerns about meeting through Telehealth, we will talk about it first and try to address any issues. You understand that, if I believe it is necessary, I may determine that we return to Telehealth for everyone's well-being.

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 we'll discuss any financial implications if needed.

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, cab, or ride sharing service.

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Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone (you, me, and our families, [my other staff] and other patients) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in our starting / returning to a Telehealth arrangement. Initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

- You will tell me if you've been vaccinated.
- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free.
- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you have been fever free for a minimum of 10 days prior to our appointment.
- You will cancel your appointment if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive within the last 14 days. You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building.
- You will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands. If you do, you will immediately wash or sanitize your hands.
- If you are bringing your child, you will make sure that your child follows all of these sanitation and distancing protocols.
- You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure to COVID.
- If you have a job that exposes you to other people who are infected, you will immediately let me [and my staff] know.
- If your commute or other responsibilities or activities put you in close contact with others (beyond your family), you will let me know.
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let me know and we will then resume treatment via Telehealth.

PLEASE NOTE: *I may change the above precautions if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, we will talk about any necessary changes.*

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

My practice has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the office and we have posted our efforts on our website and in the office. Please let me know if you have questions about these efforts.

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If You or I Are Sick

You understand that I am committed to keeping you, me, and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and I 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 coronavirus, I will notify you so that you can take appropriate precautions.

My office is taking the following precautions to protect our patients and help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

- Restroom soap dispensers are maintained and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands.
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is available in the therapy/testing rooms, the waiting room and at the reception counter.
- Common areas are thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.