

INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Decision to Meet Face to Face

We agree to meet in person for some or all future sessions. If I believe it is necessary, I may cease office visits and offer telehealth services. If you decide at any time that you do not want to meet in the office, I will offer telehealth services as long as it is clinically appropriate.

Risks of Opting for In-Person Services

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to COVID-19 or other public health risks.

Your Responsibilities to Minimize Risk

You agree to take the following precautions to minimize health risks. Please initial each:

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free. ____
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you agree to cancel the appointment or proceed using telehealth. You will not be charged a cancellation fee ____
- You will wait outside the office until no earlier than 5 minutes before your appointment time. ____
- You will wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when you enter the building or office. ____
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office (I and all staff will too). ____
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet between other persons and there will be no physical contact with me/staff. ____
- If you touch your face with your hands while in the office you will immediately wash or sanitize your hands. ____
- You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure. ____
- If you have a job, a commute, or engage in other activities that exposes you to those who are infected, you will let me know. ____
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will inform me and we will then begin treatment via telehealth. ____

I may change the above precautions if additional orders or guidelines are published by the CDC or other health or Governmental authorities.

My Commitment to Minimize Risk

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

If You or I Are Sick

If you arrive for an appointment and I or my office staff believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, or otherwise believe you have been exposed, I will require you to leave the office.

If I or other office staff test positive for the coronavirus, I will notify you.

Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, 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.

You will bring no more than one person to the office with you. This person will follow all sanitation and distancing protocols that you have agreed to.

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

Patient/Client

Date

Therapist

Date

[Below is a sample notice to post in the office / on the website. Customize for your practice.]

Our/My Safety Precautions in Effect During Pandemic

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

- Office seating in the waiting room and in therapy/testing rooms has been arranged for appropriate physical distancing.
- My staff and I wear masks.
- My staff maintains safe distancing.
- Restroom soap dispensers are maintained and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands.
- Hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol are available in the therapy/testing rooms, the waiting room and at the reception counter.
- We schedule appointments at intervals to minimize the number of people in the waiting room.
- We ask all patients to wait in their cars or outside until no earlier than 5 minutes before their appointment times.
- Credit card pads, pens and other areas that are commonly touched are thoroughly sanitized after each use.
- Physical contact is not permitted.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed. Trash is disposed of on a frequent basis.
- Common areas are thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.