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Consent for Return to In-Person Services

This Consent for Return to In-Person Services (“Consent”) is a supplement to the general informed consent that we agreed to at the outset of our clinical work together. Please read this Consent carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

The threat of COVID-19 is ongoing throughout the United States. As a way to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, my practice has transitioned to providing most services via telecommunications technology. Use of telecommunications technology reduces the need for persons to come into close contact with each other or to be in areas where exposure to COVID-19 may occur. However, in some situations, teletherapy services may not be adequate, and face-to-face services may be more appropriate.

We have determined that in-person services are more appropriate at this time for your child’s situation for the following reason(s):

The determination about whether to engage in face-to-face services is based on current conditions and guidelines, which may change at any time. It is possible that a return to remote services will be warranted based on consideration of health and safety issues, and such a decision will be at my sole discretion.

In order to provide in-person services, the following protocols must be adhered to. Please initial each one by the bullet.

- Social distancing requirements must be met, meaning that you must maintain a six-foot distance from others while in my office, the suite, and other areas in the building.
- Restroom soap dispensers are maintained, and **everyone is asked to wash their hands before entering the waiting room and after meeting with a provider.**
- Clients, parents/guardians, and I are required to wear face coverings or masks while in the office. If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided to you.
- Door knobs, light switches, and other areas that are commonly touched are thoroughly sanitized as frequently as possible.
- Common areas are thoroughly sanitized multiple times per day.

- I am taking precautions in the playroom, such as sanitizing playroom items after each use (if needed, removing items from the playroom until they are sanitized), removing play materials that encourage sharing bodily fluids (i.e. flutes and whistles, among others), and sanitizing other hard and soft surfaces.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed. Trash is disposed of on a daily basis.
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is available in the offices and waiting room.
- There will be no physical contact with others in the office.
- You will be asked to wait in your vehicle or in the hallway outside of the suite until no earlier than 5 minutes before your appointment time.
- Clients and parents/guardians agree not to present for in-person services if any of you have a fever, shortness of breath, coughing, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19 or if you have been exposed to another person who is showing signs of infection or has confirmed COVID-19 within the past two weeks.

We remain committed to following state and federal guidelines and to adhering to prevailing professional healthcare standards to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in our offices. Despite our careful attention to sanitization, social distancing, and other protocols, there is still a chance that you will be exposed to COVID-19 in our office. The option of receiving services via telecommunications technology has been explained to you as a way to mitigate the risks of exposure. By signing below, you acknowledge that you understand the risk of exposure and nevertheless consent to in-person services at our practice under the conditions outlined above.

Client name

Parent(s)/guardian(s)

Date

Therapist

Date