

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

This document contains important information about our decision (yours and mine) to meet for in-person services considering the COVID-19 public health crisis. 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 a neuropsychological evaluation. 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 through telehealth, we will talk about it first and try to address any issues.

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 ridesharing service.

Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, the assessment may not proceed. Initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free. ____
- You will take your temperature before coming to your appointment. If it is elevated (100 Fahrenheit or more), or if you have other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment. If you wish to cancel for this reason, the cancellation fee will be waived. ____
- You will wait in your car or outside or in a designated safer waiting area until no earlier than 5 minutes before our appointment time. ____
- You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building. ____
- You will adhere to the safe distancing precautions we have set up in the waiting room and testing/therapy room. For example, you will only sit in designated chairs and will not move the chair. ____
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office (I [and my staff] will too). ____
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact (e.g. no shaking hands) with me [or staff]. ____
- You agree to immediately wash or sanitize your hands if you touch your face or eyes with your hands. ____
- 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 [and my staff] know. ____
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let me [and my staff] know and we will then reschedule your appointment. ____

I may change the above precautions if additional local, province 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. A list of safety precautions is attached. Please let me know if you have questions about these efforts.

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 office 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 reschedule as appropriate.

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

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for the coronavirus, 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 visit. By signing this form, you are agreeing that I may do so without an additional signed release.

Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement that we agreed to at the start of our work together.

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

Patient/Client

Date

Psychologist

Date

Office Safety Precautions in Effect During the 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 sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is available in the therapy/testing rooms and the waiting room.
- We schedule appointments at specific 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.