

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

FORMAL AGREEMENT

We are agreeing to meet in person unless or until it no longer feels safe to do so. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, I have the right to terminate in-person visits at any time. You would then have the option to return to or begin telehealth sessions. If at any time you would feel safer returning to telehealth services, just let me know. Reimbursement for telehealth services is determined by insurance companies. Currently (June 1st, 2020), they are paying for telehealth services through the end of July.

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus or other viruses. In order to keep you, other clients and ourselves safe, we are taking precautions to minimize that risk. We have posted our efforts on the office door and on our website. Please let me know if you have questions about these efforts.

If you show up to an appointment and I believe you may have a fever or have been exposed I will ask you to leave the office immediately. We can follow up with telehealth as appropriate.

If I or other clients test positive for the coronavirus, I will notify you so that you can take appropriate precautions.

Please initial each statement below to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

_____ You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free.

_____ If you have a fever or other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment or use the telehealth option. If you wish to cancel for this reason, I won't charge you our normal cancellation fee.

_____ You will wait in your car or outside until the time of your appointment.

_____ You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the office suite.

_____ You will adhere to the safe physical distancing guideline put out by our governing officials.

_____ If you touch your face or eyes with your hands during session, you will need to use the hand sanitizer by your chair.

_____ If you have been exposed to other people who are infected, you will need to contact me immediately.

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 visits. By signing this form, you are agreeing that I may do so without an additional signed release.

Informed Consent

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

Patient/Client

Date

Psychotherapist

Date

Office Safety Precautions in Effect During the Pandemic

- We ask all clients to wait in their cars or outside until the time of their appointment.
- Use provided tissue to open the door then discard in trashcan.
- After entering either wash your hands or use hand sanitizer available.
- Office seating in the waiting room and in the therapy rooms have been arranged for appropriate physical distancing.
- We will maintain 6 feet of physical distancing.
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is available in the waiting room and therapy rooms.
- Appointments are scheduled at least 15 min. apart to minimize the number of people in the waiting room.
- Objects and areas that are commonly touched are thoroughly sanitized after each use.
- Common areas are disinfected at the end of each day.