



Prior to returning for in office visits your therapist will ask you to review and e-sign the Informed Consent below. Returning and New clients will access this document through your patient portal. We look forward to seeing you in person very soon!

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

This document contains important information about our decision (yours and mine) to resume in-person services in light of 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 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, however, is also determined by the insurance companies and applicable law, so that is an issue we may also need to discuss.

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 (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. By signing this consent, you 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 each appointment. If it is elevated (100 Fahrenheit or more), or if you have other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment or proceed using telehealth. 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 [or in a designated safer waiting area] until your therapist communicates with you that you may come to the door for entry into the building.
- You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building.
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office (I [and my staff] will too) until you have reached your designated therapist's individual room.

- 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 will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands. If you do, you will immediately wash or sanitize 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 [begin] resume treatment via telehealth.

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

- Waiting Room and Lobby area will remain closed.
- My staff and I wear masks.
- My staff maintains safe distancing.
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is available at the reception counter.
- We ask all clients to wait in their cars until therapist communicates that they are ready to escort them into the office building and to designated therapist office.
- Physical contact is not permitted.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed. Trash is disposed of on a frequent basis.
- Therapist rooms are thoroughly disinfected after each client.
- Restrooms remain closed for client use.

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 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.

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

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

Furthermore, you agree to release One-Eighty Counseling, P.A., employees, staff and therapists of all liability in the event that you contract COVID-19.

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

Patient/Client

Date