



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

This document contains important information about the decision to resume in-person services due to 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 you and the Aging Center provider.

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, you may be required or provided the option to 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 necessary, for the safety of everyone, only Telehealth would be offered.

If you decide at any time that you would feel safer staying with, or returning to, Telehealth services, your decision will be respected, 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, including you, Aging Center staff, our families, and other patients, safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. If you Do Not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in a Telehealth arrangement (if possible) or termination of service. Please initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

- I will only keep my in-person appointment if I am symptom free. ____
- I will take my temperature before coming to each appointment. If it is elevated (100 Fahrenheit or more), or if I have other symptoms of the coronavirus, I agree to cancel the appointment or proceed using telehealth. If I wish to cancel for this reason, I will not be charged the normal cancellation fee. ____
- I will wait in my car or outside [in a designated safer waiting area] until no earlier than 5 minutes before our appointment time. ____
- I will wash my hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when I enter the Lane Center. ____
- I will adhere to the safe distancing precautions set up in the waiting room and testing/therapy room. For example, I will not move chairs or sit where there are signs asking anyone not to sit. ____
- I will wear a mask in all areas of the office just like all others do at the Aging Center. ____
- I will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact (e.g. no shaking hands) with anyone. ____
- I will try not to touch my face or eyes with my hands. If I do, I will immediately wash or sanitize my hands. ____
- If I am bringing someone with me, I will obtain permission from the Aging Center staff prior to the appointment and make sure all of these sanitation and distancing protocols are also followed by the individual. ____
- I will take steps between appointments to minimize my exposure to COVID. ____
- If I have a job that exposes me to other people who are infected, I will immediately let the Aging Center staff know. ____



- If I am routinely in close contact with others (beyond my family living with me), such as during commuting or engagement in activities that put me in close contact with others, I will let the Aging Center staff know. ____
- If a resident of my home tests positive for the infection, I will immediately let the Aging Center staff know so that a discussion could be made on the safest way to obtain treatment/service (via telehealth or to delay treatment/service).____

The above precautions may change if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, any necessary changes will be discussed with you.

Commitment to Minimize Exposure

The Aging Center has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the office. Related efforts have been posted in the office. Please feel free to ask questions about these efforts.

If You or Any Aging Center Staff Are Sick

The Aging Center is committed to keeping you, Aging Center staff, our families, and other patients safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and the Aging Center staff believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, we will have to ask you to leave the office immediately. A follow up on services by Telehealth can be made as appropriate.

If any Aging Center staff test positive for the coronavirus, you will be notified so that you can take appropriate precautions.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for the coronavirus, the Aging Center may be required to notify local health authorities that you have been in the office. If we have to report this, we will only provide the minimum information necessary for their data collection and will not go into any details about the reason(s) for your visit(s). By signing this form, you are agreeing that the Aging Center may do so without an additional signed release.

Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent agreement discussed and agreed earlier.

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

Client

Date

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Date