**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. It is 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. Also, If you decide at any time that you would feel safer staying with, or returning to, telehealth services, I will respect that decision.

**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, it may result in our starting / returning to a telehealth arrangement.

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

● If you have 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 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 therapy room.

● You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact.

● You will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands. If you do, you will immediately wash or sanitize your hands.

● If you are bringing your child, you will make sure that your child follows all of these sanitation and distancing protocols.

● You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure to COVID.

● If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will let me know and we will then resume treatment via telehealth

I may change the above precautions if additional 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 within the office and we have posted our efforts on our website and in the office. Please let me know if you have questions about these efforts.

**If You or I Are Sick**

I am committed to keeping you, me, and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and I 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 test positive for the coronavirus, I will notify you so that you can take appropriate precautions.

**This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement**

**that we agreed to at the start of our work together**