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

This document contains important information about our decision (yours and mine) to have in-person services in light of the 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 agreement between us.

Decision to Meet Face to Face

We've 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 going back to telehealth, we'll talk about it first and try to address the issue. 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 with telehealth services, I will respect that decision, as long as it is clinically appropriate.

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 ride-sharing 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, our families, and other clients) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. Your failure or refusal to adhere to these safeguards may result in our starting / returning to a telehealth arrangement. Initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions (please initial):

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free. ____
- You will wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when you enter the building. ____
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office ____
- If you have a job that exposes you to those who are infected, you will let me know. ____
- If a resident of your home or someone else that you have come into contact with tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let me know and we will then 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

I have taken steps at the office to reduce the risk of spreading the virus within the office and I have posted my efforts in the office. They are also listed at the end of this consent form. 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, 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.

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 of 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 to the general informed consent that we agreed to at the start of our work together. Your signature below shows that you agree to these terms and conditions.

Client

Date

My Safety Precautions in Effect During Pandemic

I am taking the following precautions to protect my patients and help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

- Masks are required for all individuals (aside from children under age 2 or those medically exempt).
- Restroom soap dispensers are maintained and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands.
- Hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol are available in the therapy offices and the waiting room.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed. Trash is disposed of on a frequent basis.
- Common and “high-touch” areas are thoroughly disinfected often and at the end of each day.