

COVID-19 Related In-Person Practice Consent Form

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It is suggested by the American Association of Marriage Family Therapists, of which I am a member, to have clients sign an informed consent form that addresses some of the following concerns below. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of all precautions. State and local health authorities may have published additional guidance.

- Client/s consents to meet for in-person sessions during the COVID-19 pandemic. By agreeing and coming into the office, client/s assumes the risk for exposure to COVID-19 or other public health risk. Client/s should consult with their physician on public and personal health risk.
- Client/s are under no obligation to attend in-person therapy sessions and the client/s may choose to return to telehealth sessions at any time. I reserve the right to terminate any in-person sessions if it becomes unsafe during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Client/s agree to comply with public health orders and guidelines addressing protective masks and gloves.
- Client/s agree to wash your hands with soap or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer prior to entering the building.
- Client/s agree to notify me if you or a member of your household has been exposed or infected to COVID-19.
- Client/s will notify me and my practice if you work in an environment that exposes you to individuals who may be infected to COVID-19.
- In order to keep you and myself safe from the transmission of COVID-19, I reserve the right to cancel our appointment and require you to leave the office immediately if you or another person in the office has a fever or any other symptoms. If I or a member of my staff are sick, I will notify you so you may take necessary precautions.
- To begin or resume in-person session, client/s agrees to take necessary precautions to protect client/s, me and our families from exposure to COVID-19. If client/s does not adhere to these precautionary requirements, I reserve the right to terminate in-person sessions. Telehealth may remain as an alternative to any in-person sessions. Initial each provision to indicate that client/s understand and agree to each required safeguard:
 - Client/s agree to wash your hands with soap or an alcohol-based sanitizer before entering and leaving the building.
 - Client/s agree to take your temperature before each in-person session. If client/s temperature is higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit or if client/s have any other symptoms, client/s agree to immediately notify me or my office and agree to cancel the in-person appointment. Client/s will not be charged a cancellation fee. Telehealth will remain as an alternative option for therapy.
 - Client/s agree to adhere to any safe distance measuring policy in the building, waiting room, and in my office.
 - Client/s agree to maintain a safe distance of six feet from myself and from all staff.
 - Client/s agree to avoid physical contact e.g. handshakes.
 - Client/s agree to not bring in any unannounced visitor before the session.
 - Client/s agree to take precautionary steps to minimize your exposure to COVID-19 before and between appointments.

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- Client/s agree to notify me if you or a member of your household was reasonably exposed to COVID-19.
- Client/s agree to notify me if you or a member of your household works in an environment that is frequently exposed to COVID-19.
- Client/s agree to notify me if you or a member of your household has tested positive for COVID-19.
- I reserve the right to amend, add, or abrogate any of the foregoing precautions according to any published federal, state, or local health guidelines. I will notify you of any changes to the agreement.
- In certain circumstances, I may be required to notify federal, state, or local health authorities that you have been in the office. This may occur if you have tested positive for COVID-19. If I am required to report this, I will only report the minimum information necessary to perform their health duties.

Client Signature/s: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for meeting with me during this season in your life. Thank you for taking the precautions to keep yourself and my office safe during this pandemic. I look forward to once again meeting face- to-face when we can!

~ Tori