

Informed Consent for In-Person Services During Covid-19 Public Health Crisis 03.2022

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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, Core Counseling Services (CCS) 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 CCS believed it is necessary, CCS 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, CCS 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 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 below 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 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.
- You will wear a mask in the waiting area if others are present.
- You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure to COVID.
- If you believe that you have been exposed to COVID, you will immediately let our staff know.
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let our staff know and we will then begin and/or resume treatment via telehealth.

Core Counseling Services 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.

Core Counseling Services' Commitment to Minimize Exposure

Our practice has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the office and we have posted our efforts in the office. Please let CCS know if you have questions about these efforts.

If You or CCS Staff Are Sick

You understand that CCS is committed to keeping you, our staff and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and our staff believes that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believes you have been exposed, we will have to require you to leave the office immediately. We can follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate.

If our staff tests positive for the coronavirus, CCS will notify you so that you can take appropriate precautions.

Informed Consent

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

BY CLICKING ON THE CHECKBOX BELOW I AM AGREEING THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.