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Covid-19/Coronavirus Exposure Mitigation Agreement Client/Parent Agreement

We would like to continue in-person occupational therapy services for your child as soon as possible. We also want to ensure we are keeping employees, therapists, clients and families as safe as possible. To help facilitate this process, we have been actively researching reliable sources for guidance as to measures to prevent the spread of the Corona virus. However, while we are able to put in place safety measures to mitigate the spread, we cannot guarantee that these measures will prevent anyone from being exposed to or contracting this or any other virus. At this point, we support the recommendations set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). These recommendations include guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19 as well as guidelines if you contract this virus. Please refer to the CDC website for specific guidelines.

Based on these guidelines and our clients' needs there are some points to consider before agreeing to continue services. These include but are not limited to:

- **Keeping a 6-foot distance from others** – many children will have difficulty comprehending and/or following the 6-foot distance. We will do our best to follow this recommendation when possible. If your child is old enough to comprehend this recommendation, please talk to him/her prior to therapy. We may also ask the parent or caregiver to be an active participant during therapy to provide hand over hand assistance to the child in our place whenever appropriate.
- **Wearing a face mask** – Children OVER the age of two that will tolerate wearing a mask MAY wear a mask during therapy with parent discretion but is not required. According to the CDC children under the age of two and anyone that has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance should NOT wear a mask. All therapists will have masks or facial shields that they MAY wear during therapy and is at the discretion of the parent/client/caregiver and therapist. The use of masks may be distracting for some clients and may be removed on a case by case basis provided this is acceptable for the parent and therapist.





- **Washing hands** – we are requiring all staff and clients to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before beginning each occupational therapy appointment. Please provide an area for the therapist and child to wash their hands if therapy is provided in the home. The therapist will use hand sanitizer at the end of each therapy session and periodically throughout sessions if needed.
- **Gloves** – Therapists MAY choose to wear gloves during therapy, and this will be decided on a case by case basis. If the therapist is wearing gloves they will be changed per client. This is NOT required as we will be washing hands before and after each client.
- **Coverings for clothing** – we have offered all staff the option to wear regular clothing OR scrubs. Please be aware that some therapists may choose to wear scrubs during therapy.
- **Contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19** – if someone in the immediate family has had contact with someone later diagnosed with Covid-19, we will put a hold on sessions or switch temporarily back to teletherapy, until we are sure that there is little threat of contracting the virus.
- **Diagnosis of Covid-19** – if someone in your immediate family contracts the virus, we will put sessions on hold or temporarily return to teletherapy, until a doctor releases the individual from medical care.
- **Any signs of sickness** – if staff or clients show any signs of sickness (coughing, runny nose, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc...) sessions will be canceled for a minimum of 3 days. If there is concern that the symptoms are actually allergies a doctor's notes must be provided to the office. This will be adhered to and no exceptions will be made. In other words, without a doctor's note indicating that symptoms are due to allergies, in-person sessions will be canceled.
- **Session Materials** – therapy materials will be wiped down with antibacterial wipes or antibacterial cleaner following each therapy session and we will use the materials (toys) present in the home whenever possible to reduce cross contamination.
- **Other Concerns** – If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact our office as soon as possible. If you are uncomfortable with returning to in person therapy, please let us know and we will make sure to schedule your child to continue teletherapy.





kiddOTherapy is committed to providing the most effective therapy possible in a safe environment provided it follows all state and federal guidelines. We are always watching for updates from our state governor and governing agencies. If given direction, we may have to return to teletherapy. We may also modify any recommendations following direction from the Center for Disease Control. This agreement and the terms of this agreement may be modified by kiddOTherapy at any time as the situation continues to evolve.

By signing this agreement, you are acknowledging that you have read and understand the expectations for your child to continue receiving in-person services from kiddOTherapy. You acknowledge that you are not being forced into this agreement and are signing of your own free will. By signing this agreement, you also acknowledge that there is inherent risk in continuing to receive services while COVID-19 is still actively spreading. Even with all the precautions we are putting into place, we cannot guarantee that there will not be a transmission of COVID-19 between your household and our staff. By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that you will hold harmless, kiddOTherapy and all associated personnel, for any and all harm that may come from continuing services at this time.

Client Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

