



PRESBY PSYCH

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CHILDREN INELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION

This document contains important information about our decision (yours, mine and Presby Psych's) to begin/resume in-person services with your child in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Our decision is based in part on the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the NC Department of Health and Human Services, and the most recent Governor's Executive Order regarding behavioral health settings, but other factors may be considered.

Please read this carefully and let us know if you have any questions. When you sign this document, it will be an official agreement between you and Presby Psych.

All Presby Psych clinicians and staff members are at least two weeks past full vaccination and our vaccination cards are on file.

Decision to Meet Face-to-Face

Presby Psych clinicians will meet in-person only with minors who are ineligible for vaccination and in whose home(s) all residents who are eligible for vaccination are two weeks past full vaccination, or with clients for whom one or more in-person meetings are clinically indicated. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, however, Presby Psych may require a return to telehealth.

If you, the child's parent/guardian, decide at any time that you would feel safer with the child staying with, or returning to, telehealth services, the clinician will respect that decision as long as it is feasible and clinically appropriate. Reimbursement for telehealth services is also determined by the insurance companies and applicable law, so we will discuss any financial implications if needed.

Risks of Opting for In-Person Services

You, the child's parent/guardian, understand that by having your child come to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus (or other public health risk) of you, your child, or anyone bringing the child to the session. 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 you, your child, the clinician, our families, other Presby Psych staff members and other clients safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. Initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

General Guidelines – Parents/Guardians/Individuals Bringing the Child to Session

- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) agree to verify that anyone bringing the child to a session meets the criteria outlined here. "You" refers to parents, guardians, or an individual bringing a child to session.
- You and the child will wait in the car outside the clinician's office until the clinician sends a text or beckons in some other way to have the child come into the building or to an outside session.
- You will only keep the child's in-person appointment if you and the child are symptom free.
- You will only keep the child's in-person appointment if you and the child have been fever free for a minimum of 10 days prior to the appointment.
- You will cancel your child's appointment if you or your child have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID within the last 14 days.

- _____ If you have a job that exposes you to other people who are infected, you will immediately let the clinician know.
- _____ If a resident of the child's home(s) tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let the clinician know and then treatment via telehealth will begin/resume.
- _____ If a child arrives for a session and the clinician believes the child is showing a fever or symptoms that could be related to COVID, the clinician will cancel the session and reschedule it for telehealth.

Outdoor Sessions with Unvaccinated Children

- _____ The clinician will meet with the child outside whenever possible.
- _____ During outdoor sessions, the vaccinated clinician is not required to wear a mask. The unvaccinated child is not required to wear a mask, but may wear one if you or the child prefers the child to do so.
- _____ The clinician and unvaccinated child will maintain a distance of 6' apart unless both are wearing masks.
- _____ If a vaccinated parent/guardian/person meets with the clinician outdoors, neither party is required to wear a mask. If the parent/guardian/person bringing the child to session is not vaccinated, they must wear a mask.

Indoor Sessions with Unvaccinated Children

- _____ You will take the child's temperature before coming to each appointment. If it is elevated (100 degrees Fahrenheit or more), or if the child has other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment or proceed to using telehealth. If you wish to cancel the child's session for this reason, you will not be charged our normal cancellation fee.
- _____ You and the child will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building.
- _____ You and the child will wear masks in all areas of the building and consultation office and the clinician will do the same.
- _____ Only the child will be allowed to enter the consultation room. Parent(s) conferences will be held online. When the session is over, the clinician will escort the child to the car.
- _____ Your child will try not to touch face or eyes with their hands. If they do, the clinician will immediately assist the child in washing or sanitizing their hands.

Presby Psych may change the above precautions if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, the clinician will talk with you about any necessary changes.

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

Presby Psych has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the office using sanitizing methods recommended by public health officials and all clinicians and staff working in the office have been vaccinated and are at least two weeks past full vaccination. Please let the clinician know if you have questions about these efforts.

If the Clinician is Sick

If the clinician is sick with fever or symptoms possibly related to COVID, the appointment with the child will be canceled and rescheduled for telehealth if the clinician's health allows. If the clinician or any Presby Psych staff member working in the building in which your child is seen tests positive for the coronavirus, you will be notified so that you can take appropriate precautions.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If your child has tested positive for the coronavirus, Presby Psych may be required to notify local health authorities that you or your child have been in the office. If we have to report this, we will only provide the minimum information necessary for their data collection and will not go into any details about the reason(s) for your child's visits. By signing this form, you are agreeing that Presby Psych may do so without an additional signed release.

Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement that you agreed to at the start of your work at Presby Psych.

Your signature below shows that you agree to these terms and conditions.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date