

## COVID-19 POLICY

## Covid-19 Respiratory Infection Safety Tool

<u>Elimination:</u> Can patients (covid status unknown) be excluded from treatment?	YES Consider the implications of exclusion and plans to provide alternative support	<u>This is the most effective protection</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Therapist will alert parents/ settings if unwell so then discussion can take place regarding managing the risk.</li> <li>Parents must alert therapist if the child is unwell so that discussion can take place regarding managing the risk.</li> </ul>
	NO Consider other controls below	
<u>Substitution:</u> Can patients be treated virtually? (Telehealth) Supported via telephone or signposted to information? Consider working through others (parents, schools)	YES Consider the long-term risks to the patient, increased health inequalities.	This is an effective control but may not be an option for many treatments on a regular basis.
	NO Consider other controls below	
<u>Engineered Solutions:</u> Can these sufficiently reduce the risk?	YES Consider factors which may affect the effectiveness and maintenance of engineering controls	<u>Ventilation</u> alone will not be sufficient in preventing close range transmission of airborne and short-range infections (less than 2M) during direct work. <u>Other mitigations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social distancing of 2M.</li> <li>A room where this is possible.</li> <li>Low room occupancy.</li> <li>A well-ventilated room.</li> <li>Cleaning chairs and tables.</li> <li>Hand hygiene before, during, after each client.</li> <li>Good respiratory hygiene. (Catch it, bin it, kill it)</li> <li>Move through as few rooms as practically possible.</li> <li>Using one set of equipment per child, cleaning it in between.</li> <li>Keep to session times.</li> <li>Feedback via email, telephone calls, zoom rather than F2F.</li> </ul>
	NO Consider other controls below	
Can effective distancing (space management) combined with managed exposure durations, reduce exposure to infectious transmission risks?	YES Consider factors which may impact the continued effectiveness of space management	Use Personal Protective Equipment (minimum Type IIR mask) face shield, screen, apron.  Use Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE failure will result in exposure)
	No Apply RPE checklist.	
Can RPE be adequately managed having applied the RPE use checklist?	Yes Ensure that there is a RPE step-down plan through the application of other better controls where possible.	No worker should be exposed to the risk (Health and Safety at Work Act)  Person has a confirmed positive covid status. No session takes place as the correct level of PPE/ RPE is not available (not fit tested)
	NO This would be an illegal and dangerous risk	