

Patient Infection Control/Sick Policy

Policy:

Patients exhibiting symptoms of a contagious disease must refrain from attending therapy sessions. Parents or guardians are required to call the clinic to cancel or reschedule appointments if the patient displays any of the listed symptoms. This policy is in place to protect the health of staff, other patients, and their families.

Symptoms of Contagious Diseases

Patients should not attend therapy sessions if they exhibit one or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever: Temperature greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- Vomiting/Nausea: Any recent vomiting or nausea episodes
- Open/Draining Lesion: Any wound or sore that is open or oozing fluid
- Lice: Presence of lice or nits
- Chicken Pox: Characteristic itchy rash, fever, and tiredness
- **Measles**: Rash, high fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes
- **Productive Cough**: Cough that produces phlegm or mucus
- Impetigo: Sores or blisters, often on the face, that ooze or crust over
- Conjunctivitis/Pink Eye: Redness, itching, or discharge from the eyes
- Strep Throat: Sore throat, fever, swollen glands, and white patches on tonsils
- Diarrhea: Frequent, loose, or watery stools
- **COVID-19**: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or any other symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Any Other Contagious Disease Not Listed: Symptoms indicative of a contagious condition not specified in this list

Procedures for Cancelling or Rescheduling Appointments

- 1. Notifying the Clinic:
 - Parents or guardians must call the clinic as soon as possible if their child shows any of the symptoms listed above.
 - The clinic will assist in rescheduling the appointment to a later date when the child is symptom-free and no longer contagious.



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2. Returning to Therapy:

- Patients may return to therapy sessions when they are symptom-free and have been cleared of contagious conditions. For certain diseases (e.g., COVID-19, strep throat), this may require a healthcare provider's note confirming the patient is no longer contagious.
- The patient should be free from fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications), vomiting, and diarrhea for at least 24 hours before returning to the clinic.

Monitoring and Compliance

- Clinic management will monitor adherence to this policy to ensure that it is followed consistently.
- Any concerns or deviations from this policy should be reported to clinic management immediately.

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date:_____