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Speech Language Pathology in Motion Sickness Policies

COVID-19 Related Sickness Policies:

- Clients who become ill with COVID-19 symptoms or who test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of attending an in person therapy session are asked to notify Speech Language Pathology in Motion.
- Clients who test positive for COVID-19 may not return to in person therapy until cleared by a doctor to resume therapy.
- If the client, or anyone residing in the home has been in contact with a person who is confirmed to be COVID-19 positive, the client must remain symptom free for a period of 14 days before returning to in person treatment. For healthcare workers who are exposed to COVID-19 positive patients at work, we ask that you follow the guidance from the CDC regarding your level of exposure, and that you cancel therapy and quarantine when appropriate: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html.
- If a client, or anyone residing in the home traveled outside of New York State, you must wait for a period of 14 days before returning to in person treatment as per the NYS travel advisory.
- In accordance with the NYS-DOH guidelines, clients who have had an illness that included any of the signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, cough, new loss of taste, new loss of smell, Nausea or vomiting and/or Diarrhea) must meet one of the following three criteria in order to return to in person therapy services:
 - 1. At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* and client and all who reside in the home have been symptom free for a period of 72 hours (3 days) without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - 2. All who reside in the home have been symptom free for a period of 72 hours (3 days) without the use of fever-reducing medications and client has received a negative COVID-19 test.
 - 3. All who reside in the home must be symptom free for a period of 72 hours (3 days) without the use of fever-reducing medications and present a doctor's note clearing them to resume in person activities.

Additional Sickness Policies:

Therapy sessions should be cancelled if the person bringing the client to therapy and/or the client themselves have any of the following symptoms:

- 1. **Uncontrolled seasonal allergies:** For the safety of our staff and treatment team members, clients who present with sneezing and/or coughing due to allergies are not able to be seen for in person therapy at this time, as it is not possible to know if the client is ill or experiencing allergies.
- 2. A rash. Resume therapy once free from rash, itching and fever for 24 hours or cleared by a medical doctor.
- 3. **Presence of head lice.** Resume therapy following treatment and full elimination of lice.



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- 4. An active eye infection (itching, redness and/or discharge). Resume therapy when free from discharge for 24 hours and/or with clearance from a medical doctor.
- 5. A recent medical emergency: A number of medical emergencies, accidents or illnesses may require medical clearance prior to resuming therapy (i.e. a fracture, seizure activity, etc.). If the client has had a recent medical emergency or urgent care, emergency room or hospital visit please notify your therapist prior to coming for treatment.

Clients may participate in therapy delivered via telepractice during periods of mild illness or quarantine if they are well enough to do so.

This policy is subject to change based on the guidance provided by the NYS Department of Health and the CDC.