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Speech Language Pathology in Motion Sickness Policies

Clients who are ill are expected to notify their therapist and cancel in person therapy sessions.

Clients who become ill within 72 hours (3 days) of attending an in-person therapy session are also asked to notify their therapist.

COVID-19 Related Policy:

Clients who have had an illness that includes any of the signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, loss of taste, loss of smell, flu like symptoms, aches, chills, and/or G.I. upset) must meet one of the following criteria in order to return to in person therapy services:

1. At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* in all who reside in the home 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 must be symptom free for a period of 72 hours (3 days) without the use of fever-reducing medications and present 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.

Further:

1. If client, or anyone residing in the home has been in contact with a person who is confirmed to be COVID-19 positive, they must remain symptom free for a period of 14 days before returning to in person treatment. According to the CDC, contact is defined as follows:
 - o You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more.
 - o You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
 - o You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them).
 - o You shared eating or drinking utensils.
 - o They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.
 - o 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>>.
2. If a client, or anyone residing in the home has traveled to a restricted state, the client must wait for a period of 14 days before returning to in person treatment as per the NYS travel ban.
3. If a client, or anyone residing in the home of the client tests positive for COVID-19, SLPIM must be notified. The client may not return to in person therapy until cleared by a doctor to resume normal activities. A doctor's note is required.

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



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Therapy sessions should also be cancelled if the person bringing the client to therapy and/or the client themselves and/or 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.
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.

The health and wellness of all clients at Speech Language Pathology in Motion is of the utmost importance to us. You can help prevent the spread of illnesses by taking the following precautions:

- Wear a face covering/mask. All who are able to wear a face covering/mask are expected to do so.
- Wash your/your child's/dependent's hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Wash hands prior to and after therapy.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid contact with others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, elbow or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Notify our staff if an item in our waiting area or facility needs to be cleaned.
- Notify your therapist if you or your child become ill shortly after visiting our office.

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

Thank you for doing your part in making sure we all stay healthy.