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## **INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES 2020**

### **FOR PATIENTS: PATIENT PROTECTION PROTOCOL**

Please arrive at the time of your appointment.

People providing transportation are asked to wait outside the office in a vehicle or in the lobby.

All patients must wear a mask into the building as mandated by the town.

Patients will stop and wash their hands in the bathrooms on their way into the office.

Patients will enter the office and have a health screening before entering the treatment room.

Screening at each visit will include:

- \* temperature
- \* recent fatigue
- \* cough history or shortness of breath
- \* sore throat
- \* loss of taste or sense of smell
- \* muscle aches
- \* recent travel and exposure to risk and Covid-19.

Patients with a fever over 100.4 will not be seen that day.

Hand sanitizer and tissues will be available for patients in the treatment room as well as non-touch waste baskets.

Medical History will be taken by the practitioner at the time of the first visit for new patients.

Initial Appointments will be made by phone and subsequent appointments in the treatment room at the end of the visit.

Payment will be handled remotely by Venmo, Credit Card on file and cash will have to be the exact amount in an envelope.

After the treatment it is suggested that patients will wash their hands in the bathrooms on the way out of the building.

**OFFICE PROTOCOL:**

All surfaces will be disinfected daily. High touch surfaces will be disinfected through out the day.

Door handles will be disinfected between patients.

All sheets are changed between patients and laundered with detergent and bleach.

Rubber Gloves will be used to remove sheets after treatment.

Sheets are stored in a room separate from the treatment room.

Rugs are shampooed every 60 days.

Practitioners clothes are laundered daily.

One person will be treated per room.

As always acupuncture needles are pre-packaged, sterile and disposable.

All points are swabbed with alcohol before needles are inserted.

**PRACTITIONER PROTECTION PROTOCOL:**

The practitioner is responsible for keeping surfaces clean and disinfected including door handles, table tops and window sills.

Disinfection of door handles between patients.

Changing linens between patients.

Practitioners are required to wear a mask.

Practitioner will wash hands between each patient.

Practitioner will alcohol hands before inserting needles, after inserting needles and before leaving treatment room.

Practitioners will use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving treatment rooms.

Practitioners are required to wash clothing after each shift.

