



H.O.P.E. STUDIO AND AFFILIATED PRACTICES INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

Dear Parents

This is a daunting time in our lives and in navigating the health and safety of ourselves and our children. Therefore in conjunction with H.O.P.E Studio management and based on the advice and guidelines provided by WHO and the South African National Institute for Communicable diseases (NICD), we have established our infection control process in relation to COVID-19.

PLEASE TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Role of the practice:

- All therapists will be screened on a daily basis for any symptoms of Covid 19 such as a fever, dry cough, runny nose, shortness of breath or sore throat and will not provide therapy if any of these symptoms are present.
- No therapist will be at the practice if they have come into contact with a Covid positive individual in the last 14 days.
- All therapists will wash and disinfect their hands on arrival and when leaving the premises as well as before and after every treatment session.
- All therapists will wear either a mask or a screen during therapy and will wear gloves on the parent's request.
- All therapists will remove hand and wrist jewellery and have their hair tied up out of their faces
- All therapy rooms will have both hand sanitizer and equipment disinfectant readily available for use.
- All equipment that is used frequently will be disinfected after use.

- All equipment that cannot be easily cleaned will not be used.
- Rooms will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the day as appropriate
- All common surface areas will be disinfected regularly throughout the day such as door handles etc.
- There will only be 5 treating therapists at a time i.e. only 1 therapist and child per treatment room.
- Therapists will respect the 1m social distancing between each other and other clients as much as physically possible.

Role of the parent:

- All parents and children will be screened on the day of their session for symptoms such as a fever, dry cough, runny nose, shortness of breath or sore throat and therapy will not be provided if any of these symptoms are present.
- No therapy will be provided at the premises if either the parent or child or someone they live with has come into contact with a Covid positive patient in the last 14 days.
- Parents are expected to sign a document stating the above on the specific day before each and every session.
- Only 1 parent/ caregiver may attend therapy with their child and no siblings are allowed
- All parents to leave 1 parking bay open when parking as and when possible
- Each therapist will collect their child from your car and return your child to the car after therapy except in extenuating circumstances
- THEREFORE, PARENTS TO PLEASE WAIT IN THE CAR DURING THERAPY
- Each child and parent will wash their hands for 20 seconds and disinfect with hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the premises.
- All children to have their hair tied up and off their face to avoid contact with the face during sessions.

Please speak to us or to your respective therapist if you have any questions regarding the above and we will endeavour to answer them as soon as possible

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in the keeping our infection control policies

Kind Regards

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