

INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES

This document contains information about client and Basset Psychological Service (BPS) decisions to meet in-office. Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions. When you sign this document, it will be an official agreement between us.

Decision to Meet Face-to-Face

The decision to meet for in person visits will be made by both the therapist and client. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, BPS may make changes to our precautions, protocols and/or type of sessions (telehealth versus in office). If that occurs and you have concerns about meeting through telehealth, please let your therapist know. Considerations for in office versus telehealth include, but are not limited to: client health status, therapist health status, age of the client, therapeutic goals, and client's ability to engage in telehealth sessions.

If you decide at any time that you are more comfortable with telehealth services, we will respect that decision, as long as it is feasible and clinically appropriate.

Risks of Opting for In-Person Services

You understand that by coming into the office, you are assuming the risk of potential exposure to COVID-19.

Client Responsibilities For In Office Sessions

To obtain services in office, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone safer from potential exposure. Symptoms of COVID-19 range from very mild symptoms to severe sickness and even death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in our starting or returning to a telehealth arrangement.

- If a **resident of your home** has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 24 days, is awaiting test results, or is suspected to have COVID-19, please let us know and we will decide how to proceed (e.g., move to telehealth, reschedule).
- Keep your in-person appointment **ONLY** if you are free of symptoms of COVID-19.
- The waiting room is open, but you can also choose to wait in your car or outside. Unvaccinated individuals should maintain social distancing in the waiting room.
- You and your child will wear masks in common areas of the office, including the waiting room and hallway.
- No food is permitted in the common areas of the office.

- You will ensure that your child follows the protocols.

We may change the above precautions as local, state or federal orders or guidelines change. If that happens, we will inform you of our changes.

BPS Precautions

BPS is taking steps to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 within the office.

- BPS staff wear masks in common areas of the office. Staff will wear masks in the therapy rooms at the client's discretion or preference.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the therapy rooms and at the counter.
- Touchless checkout is available for people who authorize to keep their credit card on file.
- Commonly touched areas are cleaned regularly.

If You Are Sick

You understand that we are committed to keeping you, the BPS staff and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you arrive for an appointment and BPS staff believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, we will cancel the appointment and follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you or anyone attending an in-office appointment tests positive for the COVID-19, we may be required to notify local health authorities that you have been in the office. If we have to report this, we will only provide the minimum information necessary for their data collection and will not go into any details about the reason for our visits. By signing this form, you are agreeing that we may do so without an additional signed release. We will follow the current Ohio guidelines regarding contract tracing.

Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement.

Your signature below shows that you agree to these terms and conditions.

Client Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Client or Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

BPS Staff

Date
