



INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS FASH COUNSELING

This document contains important information about the decision (yours and ours) to resume onsite services in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. This information is intended to supplement the Fash Counseling primary Informed Consent document, and address additional public health considerations.

Please only sign this document when you completely understand and agree to its terms. If you have any questions, please let us know. When you sign this document, it will serve as an official agreement between you and Fash Counseling.

Decision to Meet Face-to-Face

We have agreed to meet in person for some or all future sessions. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, however, Fash Counseling may require that we meet via telehealth. If you have concerns about meeting through telehealth, we will talk about it first and try to address any issues. You understand that, if your clinician believes it is necessary, she or he may determine that we return to telehealth for everyone's well-being.

If you decide at any time that you would feel safer staying with, or returning to, telehealth services, we will respect that decision, as long as it is feasible and clinically appropriate. Reimbursement for telehealth services, however, is also determined by the insurance companies and applicable law, so that is an issue we may also need to discuss.

Risks of Opting for In-Person Services

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus (or any other public health risk). This risk may increase if you do not adhere to public health guidance (including, but not limited to, wearing a face cover and social distancing), or travel by public transportation, cab, or ridesharing service.

Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone (you, me, and our families, Fash Counseling staff, and other clients) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in our starting / returning to a telehealth arrangement. We ask that you agree to these actions:

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free.
- You will take your temperature before coming to each appointment. If it is elevated (100 Fahrenheit or more), or if you have other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel

the appointment or proceed using telehealth. If you wish to cancel for this reason, we won't charge you our normal cancellation fee.

- You will wait in your car or outside [or in a designated safer waiting area] until no earlier than 5 minutes before our appointment time.
- You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building.
- You will adhere to the safe distancing precautions we have set up in the waiting room and therapy room. For example, you won't move chairs or sit where we have signs asking you not to sit.
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office (staff will too).
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact (e.g. no shaking hands) with staff.
- You will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands.
- If you are bringing your child, you will make sure that your child follows all of these sanitation and distancing protocols.
- You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure to COVID.
- If you have a job that exposes you to other people who are infected, you will immediately let your clinician know.
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let your clinician know and we will then begin / resume treatment via telehealth.

Fash Counseling may change the above precautions if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, we will talk about any necessary changes.

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

Fash Counseling has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the office, and we have posted our efforts on our website and in the office. Please let your clinician know if you have questions about these efforts.

If You or I Are Sick

You understand that we are committed to keeping you, Fash Counseling staff, and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and your clinician or other staff believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, we will have to require you to leave the office immediately. We can follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate.

If your clinician tests positive for the coronavirus and it is possible you have been exposed, we will notify you so that you can take appropriate precautions.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for the coronavirus, 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(s) for our visits. By signing this form, you are agreeing that we may do so without an additional signed release.

Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement that we agreed to at the start of our work together.

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

Client Name

Client Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Fash Counseling Signature

Date