

HRC Behavioral Health & Psychiatry, P. A.**INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES
DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

This document contains important information about our decision (HRC provider and HRC patient) to resume in-person services considering the COVID-19 public health crisis. 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

You and your HRC provider 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, your HRC provider may require that you meet via telehealth. If you have concerns about meeting through telehealth, your HRC provider and you will talk about it first and try to address any issues. You understand that, if your HRC provider believes it is necessary, your provider may determine that you 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, your HRC provider 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 you may need to discuss with your HRC provider.

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 other public health risk). This risk may increase if you 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, your family, your HRC provider, HRC staff, and other patients) safer from exposure, sickness, and possible death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in you starting/returning to telehealth appointments with your HRC provider.

You understand and 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, your HRC provider will not charge you the normal cancellation fee.
- You will wait in your car or outside and text your provider upon arrival. Your provider will meet you at the front doors to the building and will lead you to the provider/s office at the time of your appointment.
- 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 testing/therapy room. For example, you won't move chairs or sit where HRC has signs asking you not to sit.
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office (HRC staff will also wear masks).
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact (e.g. no shaking hands) with your provider or HRC staff.
- You will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands. If you do, you will immediately wash or sanitize your hands.
- If you are bringing your child, you will make sure that your child follows all these sanitation and distancing protocols.

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- 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 HRC provider and HRC staff know.
- If your commute or other responsibilities or activities put you in close contact with others (beyond your family), you will let your HRC provider and HRC staff know.
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, of showing symptoms of the infection, you will immediately let your HRC provider and HRC staff know and your provider will then begin or resume treatment via telehealth.

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

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

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

If You or I Are Sick

You understand that your HRC provider is committed to keeping you, your family, your HRC provider, HRC staff, and other patients safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and your HRC provider or HRC staff believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, your HRC provider will have to require you to leave the office immediately. Your provider will follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate.

If your HRC provider tests positive for the coronavirus, your HRC provider 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, your HRC provider may be required to notify local health authorities that you have been in the office. If your HRC provider does have to report this, your provider will only provide the minimum information necessary for their data collection and will not go into any details about the reason(s) for your HRC visits.

By signing this form, you are agreeing that your HRC provider 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.

Patient/Client

Date

HRC Provider

Date