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Consent for In-Person Neuropsychological Services

This **Consent for In-Person Neuropsychological Services** is a supplement to our general informed consent. Please read this document carefully and let either the administrative assistant or provider know if you have any questions.

The threat of COVID-19 or coronavirus is ongoing throughout the United States. As a way to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus, our practice has transitioned to providing some services via telecommunications technology (i.e., telephone, conference call programs on a computer). Use of telecommunications technology reduces the need for individuals to come into close contact with each other or to be in areas where exposure to COVID-19 may occur. ***However, in some situations, telepsychological services may not be adequate, and in-person services may be more appropriate.***

Telecommunications technology, though useful and reliable in order to complete a clinical interview or to provide feedback results, is not appropriate for neuropsychological assessment. **This is because there is insufficient evidence to show that neuropsychological assessment is reliable or valid when administered remotely (i.e., when the provider and patient are not in the same room at the same time).**

In order for our neuropsychologists to provide you with in-person services, **the following protocols must be followed by patients and providers:**

- You and the person accompanying you to our clinic agree not to present for in-person services if you have: **a fever, shortness of breath, coughing, or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19 or if you have been exposed to another person who is showing signs of infection or has confirmed COVID-19 within the past two weeks.** If you are unable to come to your appointment because of these reasons, we will not charge you a late-cancellation fee.
- Patients, persons accompanying patients, and our staff will be required to wear masks while in the office. We will provide a mask for you.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the office entrance and must be used upon entering the office.
- There will be no physical contact with others in the office, such as handshaking or staff assisting patients in and out of chairs.
- You will be asked to wait in your vehicle or outside the office until five minutes before your appointment time.

- You may only bring **one person** with you to this appointment. If you are bringing someone with you for your evaluation such as a family member or a friend, you agree to inform them and encourage them to follow all of these protocols.
- We will both try to maintain a six-foot distance from others while in offices, waiting rooms, and other areas. **However, it is not possible to conduct an entire neuropsychological evaluation from six feet away. You understand that we will be sitting across a desk from one another and for portions of the evaluation we may be as close as two feet apart. During that time, some test materials must be passed back and forth, which means they are touched by both of us. We will limit the amount of time we spend closer than six feet apart, and this time will always be less than 50% of the evaluation.**

Our Commitment to Minimize Exposure

Our practice 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 us know if you have questions about these efforts.

If You or Your Support Person is Sick

You understand that we are committed to keeping you, us, and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and the provider or office staff believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed recently, we will have to require you to leave the office immediately.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

When an individual tests positive for the coronavirus, the health department usually calls to ask about the people with whom you have had contact in the recent past for contact tracing purposes. This means that the health department may contact us asking about your visit with us if you or we develop coronavirus. We are required by law to comply. However, we will only provide them the minimum amount of information necessary and will not go into any details about the reason for your visit. **By signing this form, you are agreeing that we may do so without an additional signed release.**

We remain committed to following state and federal guidelines and to adhering to prevailing professional healthcare standards to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in our offices. Despite our careful attention to sanitization, social distancing, and other protocols, there is still a chance that you will be exposed to COVID-19 in our office. If, at any point, you prefer to stop in-person services, please let us know.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you understand that there is still a potential risk of exposure and that you agree to follow the safety protocols outlined above in order to engage in in-person services.

Patient

Date

Psychologist

Date