



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

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This document contains important information about our decision (yours and ours) to resume in-person services in light of 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 you and Madraigos Midwest.

### **Decision to Meet Face-to-Face**

The above named client has 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, Madraigos Midwest may require that meetings resume exclusively via telehealth. If you have concerns about meeting through telehealth, your Madraigos Clinician will address that concern and any issues that arise.

If you decide at any time that you would feel safer staying with, or returning to, telehealth services, Madraigos Midwest 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.

### **Risks of Opting for In-Person Services**

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to Covid-19 (or other public health risk). This risk may increase if you do not adhere to public health guidance (i.e. follow proper social distancing, etc...) or travel by public transportation, cab, or ridesharing service.

### **Madraigos Midwest Policy and Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure**

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone (you, Madraigos Midwest Staff, other clients and all of our families) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in starting / returning to a telehealth arrangement. By signing this document, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to the policies below.

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free. Clients with symptoms will not be permitted to enter the building
- You agree 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 such as a cough, shortness of breath, and/or chills, you agree to cancel the appointment or proceed using telehealth. If you wish to cancel for this reason, you will not be charged your normal cancellation fee.
- You will wait in your car or outside until your designated appointment time.



- You agree to go through a medical screening before entering the building, which will include having your temperature taken, answering screening questions, and ensuring that you are wearing a face covering.
- You agree to wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer which will be provided for you upon entering the building.
- You agree to adhere to the safe distancing precautions we have set up in the waiting room and therapy room.
- You will wear a mask or face covering in all areas of the office.
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact with staff (i.e shaking hands).
- You will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands. If you do, you will immediately wash or sanitize your hands.
- 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 you or a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let your clinician know and will then [begin] resume treatment via telehealth for the isolation period.

Public health guidelines on returning to in-person services after suspected or confirmed Covid-19 exposure will be followed. All of the above precautions are subject to change if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, we will talk about any necessary changes.

### **Our Commitment to Minimize Exposure**

Madraigos Midwest has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 within the office. We have posted our efforts on our website and in the office. Please let me Madraigos Midwest Staff know if you have questions about these efforts.

### **If You Are Sick**

You understand that Madraigos Midwest is committed to keeping our clients, staff, and all of our families safe from the spread of Covid-19 . If you show up for an appointment and do not pass the medical screening (i.e. have fever, symptoms, or exposure to someone with Covid-19), we will have to require you to leave the office immediately. We can follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate.

### **Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection**

If you have tested positive for the Covid-19, Madraigos Midwest may be required to notify local health authorities that you have been in the office. If Madraigos needs 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 your visits. By signing this form, you are acknowledge this possibility and consenting to any such disclosure.



**Informed Consent**

By signing this agreement, you, as the client or the legally authorized representative of the client (ie. Parent or legal guardian), give your consent to in-person counseling services at Madraigos Midwest for the above named client, with a full understanding of the potential increased risks due to the Covid-19 public health crisis.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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## **Office Safety Precautions in Effect During the Pandemic**

Madraigos Midwest is taking the following precautions to protect our patients and help slow the spread of the Covid-19.

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- Office seating in therapy rooms has been arranged for appropriate physical distancing.
- Madraigos Midwest staffs will wear face coverings.
- Madraigos Midwest staff maintains safe social distancing practices.
- Restroom soap dispensers are maintained and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands.
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is available in the therapy rooms
- We schedule appointments at specific intervals to allow for proper disinfecting in between clients
- We ask all clients to wait in their cars or outside until no their designated appointment times.
- Credit card pads, pens and other areas that are commonly touched are thoroughly sanitized after each use.
- Physical contact is not permitted.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed. Trash is disposed of on a frequent basis.
- Common areas are thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.