



Informed Consent for In-Person Services During COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

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 us 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

We have agreed to meet in person, at Lakeside Rehab, for some or all future sessions. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, however, we 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 we believe it is necessary, we 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, Lakeside Rehab 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 if there is an issue we may need to discuss.

Risk 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 services.

Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone 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. ***Please initial each to indicate that 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 (100.4 or more), or you have other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment and proceed using Telehealth. If you wish to cancel for this reason, Lakeside Rehab will not charge you our \$25 cancellation fee.
- _____ You will wait in your car or outside until no earlier than 5 minutes before your appointment time.
- _____ You recognize that nobody is allowed in the facility to wait in the lobby during your appointment unless pre-arranged.
- _____ You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building for your appointment.
- _____ You will adhere to the safe distancing precautions we have set up throughout the building (signs and floor stickers).
- _____ You will wear a mask in all areas of the office (Lakeside Rehab staff wears masks as well).
- _____ You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact other than what is directly related to therapy. Lakeside's staff will wear gloves and masks.
- _____ 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-19.
- _____ If you have a job that exposes you to other people who are infected, you will immediately let your therapist know.

- _____ If your commute or other responsibilities or activities puts you in close contact with others you will make Lakeside Rehab aware.
- _____ If a resident of your home tests positive you will immediately tell Lakeside Rehab. Treatment will resume via Telehealth.

Lakeside Rehab may change the above precautions if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, your therapist or the office staff will contact you with any necessary changes.

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

Lakeside Comprehensive Rehabilitation has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the office and we have posted our efforts on our website as well as in the office. Please ask a staff member if you have any questions about these efforts.

If You are Sick

You understand that we are committed to keeping you, the staff and all of our families safe from the spread of COVID-19. If you show up for your appointment and Lakeside Rehab’s staff believe that you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, we will require you to leave the office immediately. Your therapist is able to follow up with services by Telehealth as appropriate.

If any staff tests positive at any point for the coronavirus, we will notify you immediately so that you may take appropriate precautions.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for the coronavirus, we may be required to notify the local health authorities that you have been in our office. If we have to report this, we will only provide the minimum amount of 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.

Patient/Client Signature

Date

Printed Name