
COVID-19 Safety Plan
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I have reviewed information provided by the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC, the BC Centre for Disease Control, and Worksafe BC to make sure my clients and their families as well as I am safe from transmission of COVID-19. I will be discussing each client's needs and situation as well as the risks and benefits of holding in-person sessions as compared to telepractice sessions. The decision to hold in-person sessions will be mutually agreed-upon.

As a sole proprietor who sees clients in their homes, I have completed a risk assessment and will be putting in place enhanced precautions to prevent transmission of the virus during in-person sessions. These precautions will be monitored and updated as required.

Both Client and Clinician must:

- screen for illness and cancel session when showing any of the following symptoms within the previous 10 days: new or worsening cough, fever, chills, shortness of breath, new muscle aches, or headache
- wash hands thoroughly at the beginning and end of the session
- keep 6-ft distance whenever possible among client and any family members present
- consider holding sessions outside when there are no privacy concerns and the weather permits
- wear mask when closer proximity is required for assessment or treatment
- disinfect any materials shared, such as an iPad or mirror

I request that you provide a place for handwashing and hold doors open when I arrive and leave your home.

I will be reducing the need for shared materials (except paper as there is no evidence that the virus is transmitted via paper) and as before the pandemic, wearing gloves when I need to touch your neck, face, or mouth. Telepractice sessions will be considered as an adjunct to in-person sessions when possible.

Working together, we will make a plan that is comfortable and effective for all of us.