

SANITARY PRECAUTIONS



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Dear Parents,

Trading Spaces ABA has a clear vision. We work to provide the highest possible standard of behavioral healthcare, clinical social work, speech therapy and occupational therapy services. We care deeply about each person we serve and about each other as professionals. This vision is more vital today with the deepening concerns regarding COVID-19. We recognize that you are concerned and are taking all precautionary measures needed to ensure the health and safety of your family. Trading Spaces ABA staff continue to work to ensure our clients target individualized goals for improvement in development and limit the chances of regression. It is also important for all staff and for our clients to follow the company's sick policy set in place by rescheduling sessions if one is feeling ill.

While we pride ourselves in always providing a clean and sanitary clinic, we recognize that we should make further attempts to sanitize for our clients during this heightened alert. The following bullets explain the stepped-up protocols that we have implemented to date.

SERVICES IN THE CLINIC

- Upon arrival at the clinic, we please ask for you to assist your child to complete thorough hand washing as our staff will do the same prior to each session.
- All materials will be sanitized before and after each session.
- All tables and chairs will be sanitized before and after each session.
- Parents will be requested to wait in their cars to eliminate having more than 10 people in the clinic at a given time.

SERVICES AT YOUR HOME

- When we arrive at your home, we will ask to be directed to a sink where staff will complete thorough hand washing.
- We will request that you assist your child in handwashing.
- All materials will be sanitized before and after each session.
- We kindly ask that if anyone in the home is feeling ill, you notify the office in a timely manner for cancellations.

While we completely understand that this is a time of crisis for our country, we also know that your child has worked diligently to obtain the progress that he/she has achieved to date and we would like to ensure that he/she continues to demonstrate this progress while we endure our current situation.

If you feel confident with the following safety measure and the services have been on hold, please contact our offices to resume services.

Sincerely,

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SICK POLICY



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Please notify the staff member(s) working with your child as soon as possible via phone when you plan to cancel a session due to illness. Children should be symptom free for a 24-hour period before resuming sessions. In an effort to reduce the spread of illness from one child to the next, or from staff person to staff person, we ask parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

If your child has experienced any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours, then home-based sessions should be canceled:

- ***A fever (over 99° F orally)**
- ***Cough**
- ***Shortness of breath**
- **Signs of developing or diagnosed illness (yellow/green runny discharge, cough, difficulty breathing)**
- **Diarrhea, vomiting or an upset stomach**
- **Undiagnosed skin rash or skin irritation**
- **Eyes that are red or have discharge**
- **Unusual or unexplained loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, etc.**
- Staff members have been instructed to terminate a session if the above-mentioned symptoms appear during the session.
- We ask that if a family member in the home is contagious, that the session be canceled and rescheduled.
- If a child has stayed home from school, then any sessions scheduled for the day should be cancelled and rescheduled.

You should know that we also hold our staff members accountable to the same expectations regarding illness to prevent spreading illness to you and your family.

Children with the following communicable illnesses may resume home-based programming when they are no longer considered infectious. A statement from a physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner indicating that the child is free from disease and may continue home-based services may be required in certain situations.

*Common Symptoms Associated With COVID19

- a. Chicken Pox or Shingles: when all areas (lesions) have formed a dry scab (about 7 days).
- b. Impetigo: once on the medication (or treatment) for 24 hours and skin lesions should be lightly covered until they have dried up.
- c. Head and Body Lice: as soon as treated. Treatment will be offered to exposed staff members in the case of head or body lice.
- d. Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye): on medication for *bacterial* conjunctivitis for 24 hours. Those with *viral* conjunctivitis may return to programming or work if hand-washing procedures can be followed while active drainage is present. If not, active drainage may require extended exclusion.
- e. Pinworms: after receiving medication treatment from his/her physician. Treatment will be offered to exposed staff members in the case of pinworms.
- f. Scabies: after receiving treatment from his/her physician. Treatment will be offered to exposed staff members in the case of scabies.
- g. Strep Throat: fever-free and on medication for 24 hours. It is expected that treatment will continue for ten days.
- h. Fifth disease is spread by respiratory contact and is typically no longer contagious -once it is recognized by its bright red rash. However, this disease tends to occur in clusters and must be recognized as presenting an unknown risk to any developing fetus. Therefore, known cases of Fifth disease will require notification of other caretakers and family so that pregnant women may take precautions.
- i. Influenza: fever-free without medications for 24 hours and 7 days after symptoms first developed.
- j. Measles: asymptomatic for 24 hours, and has had the characteristic measles rash for at least four days. Post-exposure immunization will be offered within 72 hours of exposure to staff and individuals who were not previously vaccinated.
- k. **Pertussis/whooping cough:** once he/she has undergone 5 days of a ten-day course of antibiotics. 1. **Mumps:** Staff/individuals may return to programming or work 7 days after symptoms begin.

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