



## COVID UPDATE

9/6/2021

In light of the pandemic, GTS has made and continues to make all efforts to keep health and safety a top priority. Outlined below are precautions we are taking to help eliminate the spread of the COVID virus and other transmitted diseases:

- As of Monday September 6th, 2021 all GTS Staff and participants are required to wear masks INSIDE whether vaccinated or not. This includes in vehicles and when inside community buildings (i.e. stores, restaurants, etc).
- Masks will not be required when outside.
- Closing all waiting rooms.
- Requiring temperature and symptom checks upon arrival at all GTS locations.
- Requiring hand washing of all clients and staff upon entering a GTS facility and encouraging frequent sanitization throughout the day.
- Requiring social distancing whenever feasibly possible.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing procedures including but not limited to, cleaning after treatment sessions, cleaning after the use of supplies, deep cleaning each facility and equipment day to day, etc....
- Using air purifiers at every GTS location.
- GTS has obtained additional office space to allow for social distancing.

To further prevent the spread of illness, individuals who are sick or who answer yes to any of the following questions listed below, must stay home until 48 hours after symptoms resolve.

- Have you had a cough or sore throat?
- Have you had a fever or do you feel feverish?
- Do you have shortness of breath?
- Do you have a loss of taste or smell?

If staff or clients experience any symptom of illness and it resolves within 48 hours, then they may return to work/program. If the symptoms continue past 48 hours, then the staff will be encouraged to contact their physician and a note will be required in order to return to work.



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### *Other*

#### 1. Mask Policy -

- a. As of Monday September 6th, 2021 all GTS Staff and participants are required to wear masks INSIDE whether vaccinated or not. This includes in vehicles and when inside community buildings (i.e. stores, restaurants, etc). **Children ages 2 and under are also not required to wear a mask per CDC guidelines.**
- b. Face shields can only be used by Speech Therapists or as an accommodation at this time. Full face shields must extend below the chin and around to the ears.
- c. Masks are required in vehicles.

Any staff or clients who have a positive diagnosis of Covid-19 will need to remain home for a minimum of 10 days, be symptom free for at least 2 days and have a doctor's note in order to return.

In-home Services - GTS staff will wear masks at all times in the home. GTS staff will complete a symptom checklist with the family prior to entering the home. If anyone is displaying positive symptoms, if anyone has tested positive, then GTS staff will cancel all shifts until confirmation has been received that it is safe to return and there is no COVID in the home. *As mentioned previously, we are requesting that clients and families notify GTS of any potential safety concerns.* This could include, but is not limited to: traveling out of state, exposure of family members, positive tests of family/friends, symptoms, etc..