



## COVID UPDATE

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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:

- 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.**
- Masks will not be required when outside.
- 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.
- 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

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..



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We are following all current Maine CDC recommendations for staff and clients for Covid exposures, quarantine, isolation, illness, and return to work policies. These guidelines are subject to change and we are updating our policies as they change. Please reach out to us if you have questions. All GTS staff and clients must notify us and stay home if they feel sick. We offer telehealth options for all programs and services.