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## **Infection Control Policy**

The nature of ABA services necessitates that providers are aware of illnesses in the homes that they visit and the patients they are exposed to. For that reason it is extremely important that you make Brandis Center, Inc. and its employees aware of any infectious diseases your child, yourself, or others in your home may have been exposed to.

Brandis Center, Inc. will take proactive steps to protect the workplace in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. It is the goal of Brandis Center, Inc., during any such time period, to strive to operate effectively, and ensure that all essential services are continuously provided and that patients and employees are safe.

Brandis Center, Inc. is committed to providing authoritative information about the nature and spread of infectious diseases, including symptoms and signs to watch for, as well as required steps to be taken in the event of an illness or outbreak.

### **Preventing the Spread of Infection**

Brandis Center, Inc. will ensure a clean workplace, including the regular cleaning of objects and areas that are frequently used, such as bathrooms, break rooms, social group rooms, sensory rooms, door handles and railings.

Brandis Center, Inc. will monitor and coordinate events around an infectious disease outbreak, as well as to create work rules that could be implemented to promote safety through infection control.

We ask for all individuals to cooperate in taking steps to reduce the transmission of infectious disease in the workplace. The best strategy remains the most obvious—frequent hand washing with warm, soapy water; covering your mouth whenever you sneeze or cough; and discarding used tissues in wastebaskets. We provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers throughout the workplace and in common areas.

Unless otherwise notified, normal business hours will remain in place. Individuals who believe they may face particular challenges attending sessions during an infectious disease outbreak should take steps to develop any necessary contingency plans. Contact Brandis Center, Inc. to discuss plans as necessary.

### **Temperature & Health Screening**

Temperature screening at Brandis Center, Inc. may or may not take place depending on the guidance of local and state agencies. It is always the responsibility of individuals to self screen at home before attending sessions. Health Screening forms are currently required to be filled out by patients and employees before the start of each session. This will continue until further notice.

### **Telehealth Services**

Telehealth Services may be available to you depending on the level of care needed and by authorization of your insurance carrier. Contact Brandis Center, Inc. regarding a request for telehealth services.

### **Staying Home When Ill**

Even with the best of intentions, individuals often report to sessions even though they feel ill. During an infectious disease outbreak, it is critical that individuals do not report to Brandis Center, Inc. while they are ill and/or experiencing the following symptoms: [Examples include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue]. Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that individuals with an infectious illness such as the flu remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100.4 degrees F) or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Patients or Employees who report to session will be sent home in accordance with current health guidelines.

**Requests for Medical Information and/or Documentation**

If you are out sick or show symptoms of being ill, it may become necessary to request information from you and/or your healthcare provider. In general, we would request medical information to confirm your need to be absent, to show whether and how an absence relates to the infection, and to know that it is appropriate for you to return to sessions. As always, we expect and appreciate your cooperation if and when medical information is sought.

**Confidentiality of Medical Information**

Our policy is to treat any medical information as a confidential medical record. In furtherance of this policy, any disclosure of medical information is in limited circumstances with supervisors, managers, first aid and safety personnel, and government officials as required by law.

**Social Distancing Guidelines**

Social Distancing Guidelines will be put in place, as needed, in accordance with local and state agencies.

**Face Coverings**

Face Covering Guidelines will be put in place, as needed, in accordance with local and state agencies.

Brandis Center, Inc. may amend this policy at any time to ensure compliance with all local and state guidelines.

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NOTE: This Infection Control Policy expires one year after being signed.

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By signing this document I am acknowledging that I have reviewed and gained understanding of Brandis Center, Inc. Infection Control Policy.

Printed name of Parent/Legal Guardian	Relationship	Date
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