



Dear Parents,

We are closely monitoring the CDC recommendations regarding the COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak. At this time, the threat level in Denver and GWS remains low. Given that we are a public place we will continue to keep track of CDC recommendations regarding public gatherings and provide updates as needed. Should the outbreak become more serious, we are prepared to take direction from State & County governmental agencies

COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Fever, cough, shortness of breath
- The symptoms may be mild to severe
- The virus initially presents as a common cold
- This gives little indication of being Coronavirus

The following steps will be followed in order to remain healthy and to protect ourselves and our clients:

1. Employees and clients should stay home when sick with respiratory disease symptoms. At the present time, these symptoms are more likely due to influenza or other respiratory viruses than to COVID-19-related virus
2. Maintain strict adherence to the illness policy for both employees and clients and avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
3. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw it in the trash can
4. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Hands should be washed between clients.
5. Avoid touching your face.
6. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol
7. Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces and objects
8. Frequently disinfect toys and materials, especially those used with multiple clients
9. Anyone showing symptoms must be **72 hours** fever and symptom free prior to returning to therapy.

Thank you for your help in keeping our employees and clients safe and healthy!



### **Illness Policy**

- Chickenpox: when old blisters have formed scabs and there are no new ones appearing for 24 hours
- Pinkeye (conjunctivitis): when eyes are clear or have been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours
- Rotavirus: when symptoms are gone for 24 hours, or seven days from onset of symptoms, whichever is longer
- Body lice (scabies): 24 hours after start of effective treatment and no new lesions present on skin
- Strep throat: 24 hours after start of treatment
- Staph infection: skin is clear (no open sores) and doctor's release
- Impetigo: when skin is clear, or child has been treated for 24 hours and rash is contained
- Head lice: when head is free of lice and nits for 24 hours
- Ringworm: 48 hours after start of treatment and lesions are dry and covered
- RSV: 21 days after diagnosis and doctor's release
- Unspecified diarrhea: 24 hours without symptoms
- C.Difficile (C-Diff): off acute antibiotics for 48 hours, symptom free, has formed stools, and doctor's release
- Fever: 24 hours without symptoms (a fever is 100.4°F or higher), and without use of fever-reducing medications
- Vomiting: 24 hours without symptoms
- Unspecified rashes: when rash is no longer present
- Exposure to contagious disease (e.g., measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, Fifth's disease, rubella): when incubation period has ended
- Unspecified open sores: when healed
- Viral respiratory illness (e.g., flu): seven days after onset of symptoms
- Hand-foot-and-mouth disease: 24 hours after diarrhea stops and when lesions are completely healed
- Illness following recent foreign travel with infectious symptoms: will require a doctor's release
- If your child has any change in appearance or behavior (e.g., color, lethargy, etc.), please refrain from attending therapy.
- If your child is absent three or more consecutive times because of illness, a physician's note will be required to re-initiate services. If your child is hospitalized, a discharge note will be required upon your child's return.