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***ATTN: COVID-19 MASK-WEARING UPDATES FROM ALP***

Dear ALP Families:

We recognize that different states and counties have made recent changes to their mask mandates. The health and safety of our clients remain our top priority and in this rapidly changing time, ALP will be continuing our current mask wearing protocol at this time. We will monitor the changing mandates and revisit our policy as necessary. The essential work we do is critical to families across the country, and we take that responsibility and the safety of those involved very seriously.

Please review the ALP safety protocols below that remain in effect:

**Mask Wearing:**

We require all ALP staff to wear masks during sessions in both the home and clinic setting, regardless of their vaccination status. Additionally, ALP would like all family members and clients over the age of two (2) to wear a mask when they are in the same treatment area/room with our staff and through the entire duration of the session.

While we understand that it may be difficult for some of our clients to tolerate a face covering for the entire session, we will start working on this skill immediately. Our clinical teams will be closely monitoring each client's ability to tolerate a face covering and will work with individual families who are experiencing specific difficulties.

**Hand Washing:**

We are urging that all participants in sessions clean their hands at the beginning of the session, after any breaks during session, and at the conclusion of the session. Hands should be cleaned either with soap and water for 20 seconds, or with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

**Distancing:**

When possible and safe during sessions, we are asking our staff to have sessions outside or in spaces where they can be more spread out. While we know that the nature of our sessions makes it difficult to provide care if our Behavior Technicians and clients are 6 feet apart, we are asking that other family members stay distanced during sessions as much as is possible.

**Out of State Travel:**

The CDC recommends ALL take the following precautions after returning from travel.

- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms
- Isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms

We are asking both our staff and families to also follow the state-by-state provisions as documented on each state's travel advisory website. Links are below.

For additional information on ways that the CDC is recommending for you to keep your family safe, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html>

If you have any questions pertaining to ALP's safety protocols, please discuss them with your Behavior Analyst and/or Clinical Director.

We are overjoyed to see so many individuals continue to receive the care that is so essential to their progress during this national time of uncertainty. Please do your part to support the safety of our care delivery by understanding our safety protocols and by implementing them in your home, just as you would expect in any healthcare service being administered in today's environment. We all need to do our part to keep each other safe.

Sincerely,

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**Travel Advisory Links by State:**

- CALIFORNIA: <https://www.visitcalifornia.com/latest-covid-19-coronavirus/>
- COLORADO: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/travel>
- CONNECTICUT: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>
- GEORGIA: <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-travel>
- INDIANA: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/>
- MARYLAND: <https://www.visitmaryland.org/article/travel-alerts>



- MASSACHUSETTS: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>
- MICHIGAN: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>
- NEW HAMPSHIRE: <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/out-state-visitors>
- NEW MEXICO: <https://www.newmexico.org/industry/rapid-response-covid-19/covid-19-impact-faq/>
- NEW YORK: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>
- NORTH CAROLINA: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/covid-19-travel-resources>
- OHIO: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/COVID-19-Travel-Advisory/COVID-19-Travel-Advisory>
- OREGON: <https://traveloregon.com/travel-alerts/>
- RHODE ISLAND: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/travel/>
- TEXAS: <https://gov.texas.gov/travel-texas/page/covid19>
- UTAH: <https://www.visitutah.com/plan-your-trip/covid-19>
- WASHINGTON: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-travel-advisory-washington>