

FRC COVID 19 Informed Consent Effective June 8, 2020

Our office extends to you our greatest thanks for your patience during the COVID-19 pandemic. We truly care about each of our clients and have striven to maintain office practices that provide safety as well as a high standard of clinical care. As a result of the state's decision to begin a gradual reopening of its businesses, we have decided to follow suit using protocol that must be agreed upon and signed by therapists and clients before clients may attend in-person sessions. This protocol has been reviewed by each therapist who has been given the liberty to make her own decision regarding return under these conditions. If your therapist has returned to the office, she has committed to uphold these efforts. If after reading you are in agreement and would like to attend in-person therapy, please sign the documents and return them to your therapist, letting her know of your decision. We will be unable to see you in person without them. If you feel our efforts are not enough support for you, please meet online. Except in extenuating circumstances such as threat of harm, attending sessions in the office is voluntary. By returning, you are acknowledging that doing so carries some level of risk and you are indicating that our policies are acceptable to you. If/when you make a decision to attend in-person therapy, please let your therapist know well in advance so that she may prepare for you. Online or in person, we look forward to seeing you!

- Telehealth sessions remain an option and we encourage clients to continue to use this option for as long as possible while the COVID-19 pandemic continues if it is adequately meeting your needs.
- Therapist must be informed if client has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- If a client has been diagnosed with COVID-19, had symptoms of COVID-19, or had contact with a person that has had or is suspected to have had COVID-19 or any other contagious illness then they are to notify their therapist and NOT ATTEND any in-person sessions until he/she has received a negative COVID-19 test and has been 14 days without symptoms.
- Client' temperatures will be taken by their therapist before entering the office. Any elevation in temperature above normal (98.6) will result in the client being sent home.
- If any sign of illness is detected by FRC staff, client will be asked to return home.
- Social distancing is to be used at all times while at our office to the fullest extent possible. Some furniture has been rearranged to better enable social distancing.
- Masks will not be required for clients or therapists as social distancing can largely be maintained while at our offices and some of our therapists have medical conditions that make wearing masks for prolonged periods difficult. However, if clients would prefer to wear masks, we encourage you to do so. Masks are also available if requested. If our policy of not making masks mandatory causes you discomfort or concern, please continue therapy online.
- Air purifiers with HEPA filters will be added to our offices to help prevent spread of COVID 19; however, there is no guarantee that COVID 19 will not spread if someone enters the premises who is infected.
- Clients are asked to refrain from touching their faces while on the premises.
- We will be striving to stagger appointment times to limit client exposure to others.

- Clients are required to wait in their cars and text their therapist when they arrive. Their therapist will meet them at the door when she becomes available and will escort them directly to the therapy room. Please include your name in the text to prevent confusion.
- Each therapist has a unique phone number to receive texts that is different than the main phone number. Please get this number from your therapist.
- Please download the app <https://www.apple.com/covid19>. Each client will need to answer the questions on the app and show the results displayed on your phone to your therapist before entering the building.
- To the extent possible, clients will be immediately greeted and escorted to the therapy room versus waiting in the lobby.
- Any person accompanying a client to the session is asked to wait in their car, if possible, to reduce the number of people in the office suite. If this is not possible, please discuss with your therapist.
- Hand sanitizer is available in each office. Please use it.
- Our restroom is closed to non-staff until further notice.
- Clients may request the option of sitting outside within the business park if preferred. However, understand that this will compromise your confidentiality.
- Therapists will use increased cleaning and sanitation measures, will wash their hands frequently, and follow sanitation guidelines advised by the CDC and Governor Kemp.
- If any therapist or client is diagnosed with COVID 19, the Department of Public Health may request the names of all persons who have entered our building and/or who have been exposed. By attending therapy in-person, you are acknowledging and assuming this risk for yourself and your family members.
- Other businesses may operate on the same premises as the office(s) of FRC. FRC cannot guarantee their compliance with any of these procedures.

While we are taking these precautionary measures, we cannot assure that you will not be exposed to COVID-19 or any other illness while at our office. **Beginning June 8 your attendance at our office will require the completion of a COVID Waiver prior to attending any in-person sessions.** Again, please notify your therapist in advance of your intentions.

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If you have any questions, please contact your therapist or Christie Poole, at 678-631-7839 or at their email address (ex. therapist'sfirstname@familyrenewalcounseling.com). We are honored to work with you and look forward to continuing that relationship.

By signing this document, you are stating you have read and are in agreement with its contents.

Signature of Client or Legal Guardian

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Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Family Renewal Counseling, LLC (FRC), has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, FRC cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending in-person appointments with your therapist at FRC could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that myself and/or my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending in-person appointments at FRC and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at FRC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to FRC, their employees, contractors, staff, volunteers, and other participants and their families as well as staff from other businesses on the premises and their clients.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself and/or my child(ren) (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my attendance or my child(ren)'s attendance at in-person appointments with _____ at FRC. On my behalf and/or on behalf of my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless FRC, its employees, contractors, staff, agents, and representatives of and from the claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of FRC, its employees, agents, representatives, and other office suite mates and their clients whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any in-person appointment at FRC.

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