

Leona Furnari, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.  
1137 Pearl St. #208  
Boulder, CO 80302  
303-444-0992

## **INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

This document contains important information about our decision (yours and mine) to resume or begin in-person services in light of the current public health crisis. Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions. When you sign this document, it will be an agreement between us.

### **Decision to Meet Face to Face**

We've agreed to meet in person for some or future sessions. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, however, I may require that we meet via telehealth. If you have concerns about going back to telehealth, we'll talk about it first and try to address the issue. You understand that, if I believe it is necessary, I may determine that we return to telehealth for everyone's well-being. \_\_\_\_\_

If you decide at any time that you would feel safer staying with, or returning to, telehealth services, I will respect that decision, as long as it is clinically appropriate.

### **Risks of Opting for In-Person Services**

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus (or other public health risk). \_\_\_\_\_

### **Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure**

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone (you, me, and our families, other office personnel and other clients) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. Your failure or refusal to adhere to these safeguards may result in our starting / returning to a telehealth arrangement. Initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to these actions:

- You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free \_\_\_\_\_
- You will take your temperature before coming to each appointment. If it is elevated (100 Fahrenheit or more), or if you have other symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment or proceed using telehealth. If you cancel for this reason, I won't charge you our normal cancellation fee \_\_\_\_\_
- You will enter the office building no earlier than 3 minutes before our appointment time \_\_\_\_\_
- You will wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when you enter the building \_\_\_\_\_
- You will adhere to safe distancing of 6 feet minimum in the waiting areas and therapy room. For example, you won't move chairs or sit if we have signs asking you not to sit \_\_\_\_\_
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office (I will too) \_\_\_\_\_
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact (e.g. no shaking hands) with me \_\_\_\_\_
- You will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands. If you do, you will immediately wash or sanitize your hands \_\_\_\_\_
- You will bring hand sanitizer with you to use as needed during session \_\_\_\_\_
- You will bring a sheet or other covering to place on sofa where you sit \_\_\_\_\_
- You will bring your own water (or tea, etc) if you wish to have it during session \_\_\_\_\_
- You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure \_\_\_\_\_

