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COVID-19 Policy

(Updated Feb 9 2022 - Note more specific staff policies may be in place given changing restrictions).

At Kid Sense, we want to ensure that our team and our clients are well protected from Coronavirus exposure through safe and responsible practice. We also wish to respect clients who are concerned about possible exposure to the virus whilst on our premises.

To help you protect all individuals, to be clear and transparent in our communication with clients and to navigate the multitude of conflicting information about the Coronavirus and its appropriate management, please find the below summary.

- Based on advice from *Australian Government Department of Health* (https://www.health.gov.au*)*, the primary strategies are to follow the below**:**

Physical Centre Attendance

- Clients who have returned from overseas recently, are feeling unwell with a cough or fever, or who have had exposure to someone with a suspected/confirmed case of the virus in the last 14 days are asked to not attend the centre.
- Where parents feel unwell (but don't have symptoms consistent with the coronavirus), are asked to call our clinics and drop children at the front door to prevent coming inside the centre (therapist will meet them at the door).
- All clients and staff must register in using the QR code.
- For clients who do not wish to attend the centre, face-to-face treatments will willingly be altered to Tele-Therapy or Phone appointments.
- Clients are required to wear masks (regardless of mask exemption status, are provided with hand sanitizer in the waiting room for use before and after appointments and asked to follow social distancing recommendations.
- Oversea travel for staff has been banned until further notice.
- COVID Safe plans will be displayed at all main entry points.

Personal Hygiene

For all

- o Cleanse hands very regularly, including before and after appointments using the provided Hand Sanitizer or use soap and warm water.

- o Use a tissue and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze

For Staff

- o Follow the provided hand hygiene protocols regularly.

Therapist

As above including:

- o Wipe the table and chairs the child (and parent if appropriate) used after each appointments and discard the single use new cleaning materials into the bin.
- o Make appropriate choices of toys to use that will not hold the virus, are easily washable (e.g. solid plastic items) or take home items (e.g. worksheets)
- o Occupational Therapist will *not* use sensory crash mats, but instead use floor based gross motor skills (this use will vary according to Government Regulations at the time).

Waiting Rooms

- o Hand sanitiser is provided for client use (and staff use)
- o All toys and magazines/and newspapers have been removed.
- o Couches are sprayed with Glen 20 at the end of each day
- o Surfaces are wiped down twice daily with an appropriate cleaning agent.

Social Interaction

For All

- o Practise social distancing (allowing 1.5 m between yourself and other people), or as per current Government Regulation dictates.
- o Staff and clients alike are to remain at home/ off the premises if unwell.

Therapists with Clients

- o Where therapists need to physically support the child (e.g. behaviour management or to maintain a seated position), therapists are encouraged to use the child's parents to physically support the child (thus maintaining social distancing).
- o Notwithstanding this, paediatric therapy is a people-based industry and where the child is in danger of significant physical injury risk, responding to this immediate physical safety takes precedence over observing social distancing.

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Staff with their Colleagues

- o Be mindful of the number of staff in the waiting room/staff office/lunch* room or any other communal space at any one time and stagger this appropriately to allow social distancing.
- o Based on variable office areas, therapists may also need to stagger tabletop/office use time. However, the great benefit of using laptops is the ability of therapists to work in their treatment room. Therapists may choose to use their mobile (in place of land lines) in order to observe social distancing during phone appointments taken in their own treatment rooms.

*Be mindful that in reference to other policies shared staff meals may be prohibited by government regulation.

Sick Staff

- As always, staff who have flu-like symptoms should take sick leave as typically appropriate.

- If staff have recently been to Overseas or who have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of Coronavirus – **they must not come to work**. They must be directed to their healthcare professional, and following the directions from the *Department of Health* present to a *Coronavirus Clinic* or contact the *Coronavirus Hotline on* Ph 1800 -022- 222.

- Staff must alert the *Department of Health* and Leadership if they have a **confirmed case of Coronavirus.**

- As always, staff need a medical note for sick leave as outlined in the *Leave Policy*.

Pls speak with the Clinical Lead, Clinical Director or Operations Director if you have any questions.