



Informed Consent for In-Person Services during COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

This document contains important information about resuming in-person services in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Please read this carefully.

Decision to Meet Face-to-Face:

Meeting in person must be a mutual decision between the client and MYFS clinician. Clients should discuss the needs and advantages for opting for in-person appointments prior to initiating or scheduling one.

Signing this form does not guarantee any specific in-person appointments will be held but rather describes the policies and procedures for any in-person appointments to occur. In-person appointments may occur in a MYFS office or outdoors. Client and MYFS clinician may agree to meet in person for some or all future sessions however each appointment should be confirmed by phone before it occurs. MYFS may conduct a brief health screening via phone prior to each appointment. Either Client or MYFS Clinician may request a start/return to telehealth services at any time. MYFS promotes our staff and clients to be practicing CDC & state recommended protocols to minimize exposure and spread of COVID-19.

Client Responsibility to Minimize Exposure:

For in-person services, clients are asked to take precautions which will help keep everyone safe from exposure. If/when in person appointment is scheduled, a client should notify the clinician and reschedule for telehealth if:

- The client suspects or knows that they have fever or other symptoms
- The client has been exposed to someone who is known to have tested positive for COVID-19
- The client has visited a state within fourteen days of the appointment that is a part of the Connecticut travel ban.
- The client and/or someone in their home has tested positive for the COVID-19

At the time of the appointment:

- Clients must call the office main number (203) 245-5645 office to announce their arrival and continue to wait in their car or outside until prompted to come in. Clients and/or family members will not be permitted to use the MYFS in-door waiting area at any time during the visit.
- Clients should assume to answer brief health screening questions prior to the start of each session. Any concern for possible exposure and/or symptoms would immediately cancel an in-person appointment.
- Clients are required to wear a mask and encouraged to use the alcohol-based hand sanitizer as they enter the building.

- While at MYFS, clients and any family members should continue to wear a mask, follow safe distancing protocols of at least 6 feet, and abstain from physical contact. Clients should also follow any directives posted as signs in the MYFS building, i.e. use of bathroom that is accessible to the public.
- If client and clinician agree, they may elect to have a session outside. Clients should consider the possible impact to their sense of privacy as outdoors is public space.

Notification and Client Acknowledgement:

MYFS has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within our office. For anyone who is employed at, or visits, the MYFS office for any reason that becomes known to have tested positive for COVID-19, MYFS would follow the direction of the Town Madison Public Health Director as it relates to any required notification.

MYFS policy and procedures related to providing programs and services during this pandemic are subject to change as local, state or federal orders or guidelines are modified.

Clients must acknowledge that by coming to the MYFS office, that the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 is higher than would be present in a telehealth (virtual or phone) appointment. By signing this form, a client and/or client parent/guardian acknowledges reading and understanding these expectations for in-person services during the COVID-19 public health crisis, and consents for in-person appointments when appropriate and agreed upon.

Client Name: _____

DOB: _____

Parent Name: _____

Client or Parent/Guardian Signature (if a minor)

Date

Clinician Signature

Date