

## Covid 19 Hygiene, Cleaning, and Sanitization Procedures (updated 9-15-2022)

Boston Sensory Solutions is dedicated to the health and safety of all staff, patients, and families. Accordingly, the following hygiene, cleaning, and sanitization procedures will be implemented by all staff members effective immediately.

### **COVID 19 Onsite Patient Care Policy**

All persons participating in in-person sessions and onsite visits at Boston Sensory Solutions must abide by the *Boston Sensory Solutions COVID 19 Onsite Patient Care Policy* at all times. A copy will be provided to all staff, patients and families prior to beginning in clinic visits. This policy details community precautions required to be followed for return to clinic-based services, as well as when staff, patients, and family members should remain home, participating in care via telehealth services.

# PPE Use/ Hygiene Policies

**Masks–** KN95 masks mandatory for all adults and children for duration of time in the clinic including treatment spaces, office areas, and common areas. Individuals, including staff, should wash hands prior to putting on and taking off masks.

- It is preferred for all patients and families to provide their own KN95 masks, so that they may be wearing the masks upon arrival to the clinic.
- KN95 masks will be available for patients and families if necessary.

**Handwashing for Infection Control-** All staff, patients, and families must follow hand washing/infection control protocols meticulously:

- before treatment session -
  - Patients & families use provided hand sanitizer upon entrance to clinic space
  - Staff wash your hands before bringing patient/ family into clinic and use provided hand sanitizer before entering treatment space
- during session
  - Anyone who touches his/ her face, nose, eyes, or sneezes into hand- use provided hand sanitizer that is at least 70% alcohol
- after session -
  - Clients optional use of hand sanitizer
  - Staff wash your hands following each treatment session
- additional handwashing requirements -

- All follow normal preventive actions while at work and home, including cleaning hands and avoiding touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
  Additional key times to always clean hands include:
  - After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - After using the restroom
  - Before eating or preparing food
  - Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g., a child)

Supplies for respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette are available in each room - tissues, 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer, covered touch free trash receptacles

## **Clinic Space Modifications**

#### **Allocation of Treatment Space**

- Therapists will be allocated 1 treatment room for use for all sessions during that day.
- Treatment spaces can be used by only 1 therapist at a time.
- Patient/ family member should remain with their therapist in their treatment room throughout their session
- Transitions between spaces only occur if a patient needs to visit the restroom.

#### Equipment

Boston Sensory Solutions has multi user equipment that is sanitized regularly.