



Building Skills through Therapeutic Play

## COVID 19 Onsite Patient Care Policy, updated 9-15-2022

Boston Sensory Solutions is dedicated to the health and safety of its staff, patients, and families.

Boston Sensory Solutions, as a healthcare provider, requires adherence to the following guidelines for Occupational Therapy services.

- **On Site Precautions:**

- **Prescreening Check ins:** Prescreening is currently lifted. Families no longer will call to check in. Instead, families must wait in the clinic parking lot until their appointment times. **Families may not enter the building until their appointment time.** Therapists will meet families at the bottom of the stairs to escort you to the appropriate treatment room. Saturday families will use the call box outside the main building entrance to enter when the building is locked.
- **Parent Accompaniment:** One parent must accompany each child into in clinic sessions. Additional family members or care providers are not permitted in sessions. The accompanying caregiver must remain in the treatment room with the therapist and child for the duration of the session unless specific permission has been granted by the primary therapist to waive this requirement out of clinical necessity.
- **N95 or KN95 Masks:** Onsite at all times Boston Sensory Solutions staff members, patients, and family members will wear N95 or KN95 masks. Disposable or cloth masks do not meet the masking criteria.
- **Signs of Illness:** If a Boston Sensory Solutions staff member, patient, or family member is exhibiting any signs of contagious illness (fever, vomiting, GI distress, sore throat, etc.) within 48 hours of an in clinic session, the session(s) must be transitioned to telehealth until person has been symptom free for 48 hours. If a patient is too ill to participate in a telehealth session, the session can be cancelled that week.
- **Potential Exposures:** If a Boston Sensory Solutions staff member, patient or family member has come into contact with anyone who reports a confirmed or suspected positive case of Covid19 within the last 5 days, the in clinic session(s) must be transitioned to a telehealth session(s) for a minimum of 5 days post exposure. This applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated people in our clinic.

- **Positive Covid 19 in Immediate Households:** If any Boston Sensory Solutions staff member, patient, family member or member of their household is confirmed or suspected to have Covid19, in clinic services must immediately be transitioned to telehealth services. In clinic services can only resume after that individual's:
  - At least 8 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared, or positive test taken in absence of symptoms*
- **OR**
- Negative results of PCR test taken **on or after day 5** of household member diagnosis. PCR results must be received and shared with clinic for approval to return to in clinic services. Rapid tests do not meet this criteria.
- This guideline applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated people in our clinic.
- **Intermittent Transition to Telehealth:** The majority of visits are now occurring in clinic. In clinic appointments will be transitioned to telehealth only if above concerns re symptoms, exposure, or suspected infection by Covid 19 exist. Once testing or quarantine requirements are met, appointments must return to in clinic visits. Visits can no longer be transitioned to telehealth for non-Covid related concerns.

The above specific guidelines and safety measures will be followed within Boston Sensory Solutions to ensure the safety of all staff members, patients and family members.