

Guidelines, Expectations, and FAQs for Services during Covid-19

At the Center for Pediatric Feeding Disorders, we understand the importance of staying safe and healthy during the Covid-19 pandemic and have implemented multiple safety measures in order to keep you and your child safe while receiving feeding therapy:

- Socially distanced waiting area and assigned seating for caregiver observation.
- Option for families to wait in their cars until their therapist is ready to begin treatment sessions.
- Daily temperature checks and Covid-19 screenings for all staff, patients, and caregivers.
- Thorough cleaning of all treatment areas before and after feeding sessions and utilization of a specialized Covid-19 cleaning crew to keep treatment and waiting areas clean and safe.
- PPE for therapists, including shields, masks, and gloves. PPEs will be available (surgical masks) for all clients and family members accompanying the client.
- Individual toy bins for each patient to eliminate any potential cross-contamination of toys; toys are also sanitized following each treatment session.
- Alcohol hand sanitizers, hand washing sinks will be accessible for all personnel, clients, and family members throughout the site. Hand hygiene will be performed before and after all sessions, and as needed.

We have updated some of our policies to ensure the safety of our staff, patients, and families during the Covid-19 pandemic:

- We ask that each family monitor themselves and their children for symptoms of Covid-19, including *fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea*. If you or anyone in your family exhibits these symptoms, please cancel your session.
- If anyone entering the office has a temperature of 100° or greater, they will be asked to return home and follow up with their doctor.
- If you or your child have been exposed to someone who is confirmed COVID-19 positive within the past 14 days, you must quarantine for 14 days prior to your return.
- If you or your child get tested for COVID-19, you will need to stay in isolation until results are available.

- Per Executive Order 205 issued by Governor Cuomo, we ask that families refrain from travel to states listed on New York State's Travel Advisory List during their admission to the Feeding Program. In the event that any member of a patient's household travel to a restricted state, we require that patients and families follow New York State's Quarantine Requirements before returning to therapy. Please visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> for additional information.
- All family members and child must wear appropriate PPEs while on site.