



## **UPDATED 2/12/23: PREVENTION STEPS & PROCEDURES AT CHATTY CHILD CENTER PER CDC & NEW YORK HEALTH GUIDANCE:**

As a valued member of our Chatty Child Community, we are fully transparent about our infectious disease control prevention steps and procedures at the Chatty Chatty Center.

We adhere to the CDC and New York State Guidelines as the health and well-being of the children we treat, their families, and our staff are our top priority. We continue to monitor and implement the local, state, and federal recommendations, as they are announced.

We take pride in our facility and how it operates and would like to highlight the policies we have in place at the Chatty Child Center in order to help our entire community stay healthy.

### **Upon Arrival Procedures**

- All clients will be asked to take their temperature with a contactless thermometer before entry.
- All parents will have to complete and sign a symptom(s) checklist daily for their child before entry.
- Upon clearance, your therapist will bring your child into the treatment space.
- We ask that you drop off & pick up your child promptly (at the scheduled appointment time) to allow for a smooth transition for your child, and the therapist.
- Everyone will be required to wash and sanitize hands upon entering the building & clinic space.
- Street shoes will be left out in the lobby to help keep the treatment spaces clean.
- Please be mindful of other families in the waiting room and provide adequate space between people when waiting for your therapist.
- Please dispose of all trash and food. We are a nut-free facility. Please be mindful of that, if you bring lunch or snacks. Please clean up any food or garbage you brought in.
- **Hand Sanitizer** is available throughout our space and we encourage you to utilize it frequently.
- **Frequent handwashing** is encouraged (for at least 30 seconds before rinsing).
- **Surface cleaning** is done in between every session. We disinfect frequently touched surfaces and equipment using an electro-static mister with EPA approved disinfectant.
- In addition, **air purification** units are placed throughout the treatment spaces.
- Only staff and clients feeling well (without symptoms) are allowed to be present at Chatty Child Center.
- **Bathroom Usage:** Please use the sinks and toilets provided at the end of each hall. Please use diaper changing stations for all diaper changing needs. This is located in the women's bathroom. Please ask for a garbage bag if you need to dispose of a soiled diaper in the bathroom. Please keep the bathrooms clean, and dispose of garbage

properly.

**Face Coverings: Use of masks will be mandatory and required by staff, children, parents and caregivers when the community level of covid-19 is high in the community.** We will have cloth and clear masks available. You can find your own clear mask here, as well:

[Kids Transparent Mask](#)

[Transparent Mask](#)

**\*Masking Guidance Updated on 2/12/23 for HealthCare Facilities – by the CDC & New York Department of Health:**

*Face coverings will be required when the community level of covid-19 is high.* (*Covid-19 Community Level* is “a new tool to help communities decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest date available.” CDC)

We will be monitoring this new CDC *Covid-19 Community Level tool* on a daily basis. If the Covid-19 community level is high, then face masks will be required for staff, children, and caregivers, when attending sessions or accompanying the child into the waiting area or treatment areas. Face coverings can include either a cloth mask or clear mask (for speech therapy) for all students receiving face to face therapy when the community level of covid-19 is high.

If you would like your therapist and/or child to wear a mask at this time, during their treatment sessions, given this updated guidance, please email us your request at [info@chattychild.com](mailto:info@chattychild.com) and inform your therapist, at their next session.

Masks will be provided for all staff, children, parents and caregivers that would like to wear a mask, at any given time. Thank you for your continued cooperation, as guided by the CDC and New York State Department of Health.

### **Makeups & Illnesses:**

- Please **do not** send your child to Chatty Child sick. Please notify us if you or your child is feeling unwell. A makeup session can be scheduled at a later date.
- Children missing a class due to illness can be granted a **make-up session**, and teletherapy visits remain an option, as well.

- Please **do not** disregard any formal quarantine/government restrictions.
- **Do** encourage your child to cough and sneeze into their arm (not in their hand.)
- **Alert us** if your child **does have** COVID-19 and have been to Chatty Child within the last 5 days, so we can complete contact tracing procedures.
- Please **do** rest and seek medical assistance if symptoms (e.g. fever, chills, coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath) occur and/or the self-check suggests proper diagnosis by a medical professional.
- Please **follow** the CDC precautions, if you have come in contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If you have tested positive for Covid-19 please do not attend in-person sessions at Chatty Child Clinic for at least 5 days or following a negative test.

*All policies and procedures are subject to change. We will continue to monitor the CDC guidelines, and pass along any pertinent information as it is released.*

## **Agreement Signatures**

Please read and check each box below to confirm your agreement to these prevention steps and procedures, then sign and date in the space provided.

- I have read and understand the above **Prevention Steps and Procedures**.*
- I agree to abide by the above **Prevention Steps and Procedures** for in-person therapy at the Chatty Child Center. If these procedures cannot be followed, I understand that remote services may be provided at this time.*
- I understand that there is an increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 during in-person therapy, while following all policies and procedures outlined above, as provided by CDC guidelines.*

<b>Child's Name</b>	
<b>Parent Name</b>	
<b>Parent Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

