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SafeSpot response to COVID-19

We are amid an unprecedented public health crisis and we are grateful to healthcare workers, emergency personnel, and governments around the world who are on the front line working to contain the coronavirus. SafeSpot is monitoring the rapidly evolving situation and has implemented precautions to protect not only our employees and MDT members, but also our direct service clients, volunteers, board members and donors.

To "flatten the curve", SafeSpot is cancelling most in-person activities over the next two weeks. Emergent forensic interview requests and appointments will continue as scheduled. Therapy clients will be contacted and provided further information about existing appointments.

Employees and community members entering SafeSpot during this time will be expected to practice the following precautionary measures:

- Wash your hands frequently, including upon entry.
- Use hand sanitizer.
- Practice social distancing.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Report if you begin to have fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

Status, as of Tuesday, March 17:

Most staff members will be working from home.

Limited staff will be available for emergent forensic interviews. The process to request a forensic interview has not changed.

Other in-person events and trainings scheduled for April or May are cancelled or currently under review.

Because the coronavirus situation is constantly changing, the status information posted above may change frequently. Please check back periodically to verify any changes to SafeSpot's procedures, events or activities.

You can best stay informed of changes and developments about the virus by visiting the CDC Website and subscribing to their daily E-Newsletter
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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Children and Families Visiting SafeSpot

Please read the following:

- If you or your child are coughing, sneezing, have a fever now or in the last two weeks and have a forensic interview or therapy appointment scheduled, please do not come to SafeSpot. Please tell the investigator or SafeSpot staff that you or your child are sick. Except in emergency cases, they will reschedule for when you or your child feel better.
- If you or your child have been exposed to someone who has the coronavirus in the last two weeks, please do not come to SafeSpot. Please ask to have your appointment rescheduled.
- If you or your child have traveled internationally in the last two weeks, please do not come to SafeSpot. Please ask to have your appointment rescheduled.
- If you and/or your child have appointments for mental health counseling at SafeSpot, the mental health clinician will contact you to see if you are able to make the appointment or would prefer to cancel for the time-being. You and/or your child will remain an active therapy client at SafeSpot despite any cancelations due to COVID-19 and the mental health clinician will keep you updated regarding any additional changes to our COVID-19 response.
- You, your child, and the investigators will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon arriving at SafeSpot.
    - Please supervise the use of hand sanitizer by children.
    - We will not leave hand sanitizer within the reach of young children, as it is poisonous when ingested.
- At the end of each client appointment AND at the end of the day, SafeSpot staff will clean the facility, especially all surfaces with frequent handling (doorknobs, cabinet pulls, sink handles, playroom tables, forensic interview tables, etc.) with sanitizing wipes.

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Screening Checklist for SafeSpot Visitors

ALL individuals (staff, families, MDT members, board, etc.) entering the building shall be asked the following questions:

1. **Has the individual used hand sanitizer upon entry to the building?** Y or N

2. **Ask the individual if they have had any of the following symptoms:**
   - ☐ Fever
   - ☐ Sore throat
   - ☐ Cough
   - ☐ New shortness of breath

   - If YES to any of the questions, ask them not to enter the building. They may or may not have COVID-19, and the potential consequences to COVID-19 entering the building is serious enough to ask them to not enter even though they may not have it. Many populations outside of the elderly do not show symptoms but are able to transmit the virus to others.
   - If NO to all, proceed to question #3.

3. **Ask the individual if they have:**
   - ☐ Travelled within the last 14 days to areas where the COVID-19 cases have been confirmed?
   - ☐ Worked in a setting that has confirmed COVID-19 cases?
   - ☐ Been exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19 virus?

   - If YES to any, ask them not to enter the building.
   - If NO to all, proceed to question #4.

4. **Ask the visitor the purpose for their visit/entry:**
   - Staff and MDT members involved in meeting the family's needs should be allowed.
   - Immediate family members to the clients who do not screen positive for #2, #3 above, may be allowed.
   - Limit the number of caregivers, family and siblings that accompany children to appointment.

5. **Remind the individual to:**
   - Wash their hands or use hand sanitizer throughout their time in the building.
   - Not shake hands with, touch or hug individuals during their visit.

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