

As of June 8th, 2020, Northwest Autism Center (NAC) resumed direct ABA and Speech and Language treatment provision to clients. Paramount to Northwest Autism Center is the health and wellness of the children and families we serve, and the people we employ. We continue to follow updated guidelines from the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) Department of Health (DOH), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We *have always* implemented a strict preventative approach to the regular cleaning and disinfection of items and surfaces used throughout its day. However, we are taking extra measures in order to keep our clients, families and staff safe.

*Client Viewing and Pick-up/Drop-off* - Although families have always been encouraged to view and participate in their child's treatment, families are not allowed in the clinic space unless prior permission is given. However, video viewing stations will be available at both locations for families to observe treatment. Individuals must wear a mask while onsite; (NAC will provide if needed). During pick up / drop-off, families and clients remain in their vehicles. While wearing masks, a BT and/or LBA pick-up/drop-off clients to family vehicles each day.

*Symptom Checks* - All staff and clients are screened daily for viral symptoms and temperatures (using a 'no-touch' thermometer) taken on all clients and employees prior to clinic session. For clients, this is completed at car prior to entering the building. If client exceeds a temperature of 100.4 they are not allowed to attend clinic session and cannot return until they are fever free for 72 hours as per Spokane Regional Health District guidelines.

*Masks* - We require all staff and client families to wear masks while on the premises. We understand and anticipate that wearing masks may present challenges for some of our young clients, and may require a tiered approach to implementation in individual cases. We provide both washable and disposable masks. All washable masks are discarded in a designated bin to be washed daily.

*Family Training* - To limit group gathering and reduce traffic onsite, family training is conducted via Telehealth using Microsoft Teams, a HIPAA compliant platform.

*Visitors and Administrative Staff*- In an effort to reduce the number of individuals within the clinical space, visitor restrictions are in place and administration staff will continue to primarily work remotely off-site. Visitors and administration staff, who have prior approval to be on premises, are required to complete symptom check (including temperature) prior to entry, wear appropriate mask, maintain 6 feet distance from others and follow all other NAC safety procedures.