

Protocol for Speech Therapy Home Visits

The Government is now allowing direct speech therapy visits with strict guidelines to prevent the spread of virus. These guidelines have been set up the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists and can change based on mandates from the Government. Regulated Speech Language Pathologists must follow these guidelines or risk losing the license to practice.

Whenever possible distance therapy) is recommended as the mode of choice. When it is deemed that one to one therapy is the best option, then direct face to face programming can be instituted with high levels of caution. The decision to provide direct therapy will be made on a case by case basis in conjunction with each family.

The following expectations and modifications are in place.

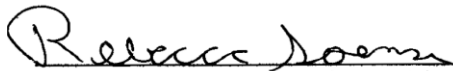
1. If SLP, client, or any family member of client or SLP has any symptoms of Covid 19 including runny nose, fatigue, fever, sore throat, cough etc. The session **must** be cancelled.
2. The morning of the session, SLP will send out a Point of Care Risk Assessment. to the family regarding health. The family will have to provide a response prior to the session. The PCRA must be completed for anyone who will be in the home during the session.
3. At the door, the SLP will verbally confirm that everyone in the home is healthy and able to participate.
4. SLP will wash hands when entering and leaving the home
5. When possible the SLP will keep a 2 meter distance from everyone in the home.
6. When working the with client SLP will wear a surgical mask.
7. Both SLP and family members **must** cover any sneezes or coughs
8. SLP will wear clean indoor shoes during the session
9. Physical cuing and contact will be avoided to the extent possible with young children.
10. Where possible the family will provide toys and books for therapy sessions. SLP will let them know what to have available.

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11. Any toys provided by the therapist will be washed and sanitized after each session. Clinician will have separate bags for clean and dirty toys.
12. The clinician will bring a clean cloth to use as a play surface during the session.
13. If books are used with a child they will be placed in a separate area for 2 weeks before they are used again.
14. All cancellation fees are waived.
15. Please limit the number of people participating in the session. Where possible keep siblings away from the session.

The SLP will follow all requirements made by ACSLPA, please see this link for more information.

<https://www.acslpa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Advisory-Statement-Providing-Services-During-a-Pandemic-May-15-2020.pdf>



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