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## INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL GUIDELINES

We are committed to providing a safe and clean environment for all of our clients. To that end, we need to be cautious about exposing our clients and families to infection and disease. **If your child is experiencing any of the following problems, please let us know, as soon as possible, and we will be happy to reschedule your appointment.**

The TALK Team considers an individual to be too sick for treatment, if they have one or more of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher within 24 hours of the appointment
- Serious and/or persistent coughing and sneezing
- Watery eyes
- Any discharge from the ears
- Runny nose, when discharge is not clear
- Vomiting associated with the flu within 24 hours of the appointment
- Diarrhea within 24 hours of the appointment

**Chicken Pox:** No treatment will be allowed while the client has un-scabbed pox on their body. If the client was exposed to chickenpox, the clinic must be notified. The incubation period for chickenpox is 10-20 days after exposure. During this incubation period, families will be asked to arrive for the appointment exactly on time, as they will not be allowed to wait in the waiting room. If space allows, families may be able to wait in the treatment room.

**Conjunctivitis (otherwise known as “pink eye”):** The client’s treatment schedule may resume after 24 hours of antibiotic therapy. Proof of antibiotic is required.

**Cytomegalovirus (CMV):** Treatment will remain uninterrupted as universal precautions provide proper protection from the virus.

**Draining Wounds:** The treatment session can occur as scheduled, provided the wound has been completely covered with a dry / intact dressing and article of clothing.

**Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease:** No treatment will be allowed until 7 days after the onset of symptoms.

**Lice:** Treatment can resume after initiation of treatment, provided that no nits are present in the hair.

**Measles:** No treatment will be allowed for 7 days after the onset of the rash. The incubation period is 7-21 days after exposure. During this incubation period, clients will be asked to arrive for the appointment exactly on time, as they will not be allowed to wait in the waiting room. If space allows, clients may be able to wait in the treatment room.

**Pertussis:** No treatment will be given until 7 days after the start of effective treatment. Proof of treatment is required.

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV):** No treatment will be provided during the duration of illness/symptoms.

**Ringworm:** Treatment is allowed, provided the affected area is completely covered with a dry/intact dressing and an article of clothing.

**Rotavirus:** The client's treatment must be placed on hold until the individual tests negative for rotavirus. Proof of negative status is required.

**Skin Infections:** Treatment is allowed provided that the affected area is completely covered with a dry/intact dressing and an article of clothing.

**Thrush:** The treatment session can occur as scheduled, provided the client has been receiving antifungal treatment for at least 24 hours prior to the appointment.

**The above guidelines apply to all staff, clients, parents, siblings, and any other person accompanying a client to their treatment session.**

Staff may wear gloves if your child is ill or has excessive drooling or discharge.