**New Transitions Counseling**

**Covid-19 Informed Consent**

\_\_\_\_ I understand the risks to my health due to Covid-19 and choose to attend face to face sessions in person. I have been given the option of telehealth or telephone services for counseling. I voluntarily choose to come into the office for face to face sessions because it is my preferred method of services at this time. I know that at any time in my treatment I may ask for telehealth or telephone services and my counselor can accommodate my health needs at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been informed and encouraged that I may wear a face mask for my face to face session and have seen that the staff at New Transitions Counseling also have the access to these PPE gear.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I **WILL NOT attend** or keep any face to face sessions if I am showing any symptoms of Covid-19 including but not limited to fever, cough, body aches, chills, headache, and no sense of taste or smell. If any of my family members have had these symptoms or I have been knowingly exposed to someone with symptoms of the above, I will self-quarantine and notify my therapist that this has happened. Telehealth session arrangements can be made at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I were to test positive for Covid-19 the procedure begins through the hospital. The hospital then notifies the Seneca County Health Department. Points of contact are identified for other’s safety once you have tested positive.

\_\_\_\_\_ New Transitions is requesting that ONLY the client is being allowed in the waiting room. Additional family members are requested to wait in their vehicle. If you are needed for session participation, we will send the client out to get you. The exception is for the initial intake appointment for children and adolescents at which time a parent may accompany them in. We ask that you arrive no more than five minutes early for your appointment time.

\_\_\_\_\_ New Transition Counseling is practicing safe distancing in their waiting room and counseling offices. In the waiting room there are only five chairs in the waiting room. Magazines, newspapers and coffee machines have been removed.

\_\_\_\_\_ New Transitions Counseling will also sanitize and disinfect areas that have been touched and sat in as recommended by the CDC. Door handles, chairs, couch surfaces, clip boards and pens will be wiped down regularly. Clinician hands will be washed after every session and clients will be encouraged to wash their hands before session or use hand sanitizer. No touch waste disposal is available in the waiting room. Clients will talk through the glass until a plexiglass screen can be installed for the reception area.

\_\_\_\_\_ Every office will have disinfectant, wipes, tissues and no touch waste disposal in their offices.

I have read and understand the Covid-19 risks. I am still choosing to continue my face to face session voluntarily as my preferred method of counseling.

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Signature Date