

February 15th, 2024

Dear Sendan ABA Families:

We continue to be so thankful for all the efforts made by our families and staff to keep one another safe and healthy during the last four years. We appreciate your patience with changing protocols and with the slight differences in procedures between Sendan, school districts and health departments.

We want to review our current safety practices with you that will continue to be in place:

VACCINATION:

We strongly recommend that all clients and client families are vaccinated against COVID-19, if medically appropriate and age-appropriate. Annual boosters are essential for ongoing protection, and we encourage you to make sure everyone is boosted, if eligible.

SAFETY PRACTICES:

If you've been around anyone who is sick or is known COVID-positive, please let your clinician know immediately. We will continue to follow all indoor air filtration / handwashing / cleaning protocols.

Also, the HEPA filters may need to be replaced periodically. When the light on the filter indicates the filter be replaced, please reach out to staff. We have replacement filters and do not expect families to buy the replacements.

ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH ANY STATEWIDE MANDATES AND GUIDELINES:

Our expectation remains that staff and families will comply with the CDC guidelines, mandates, and local public health authority (state and county) recommendations and orders at all times.

MASKING:

If a staff, family member or patient has symptoms of COVID-19 or a direct exposure to someone who has tested positive, masking is required. We will then ask that individuals mask until they are no longer experiencing symptoms and/or until they have completed the necessary rapid testing protocol.

STATUS OF SESSIONS IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD IS SYMPTOMATIC:

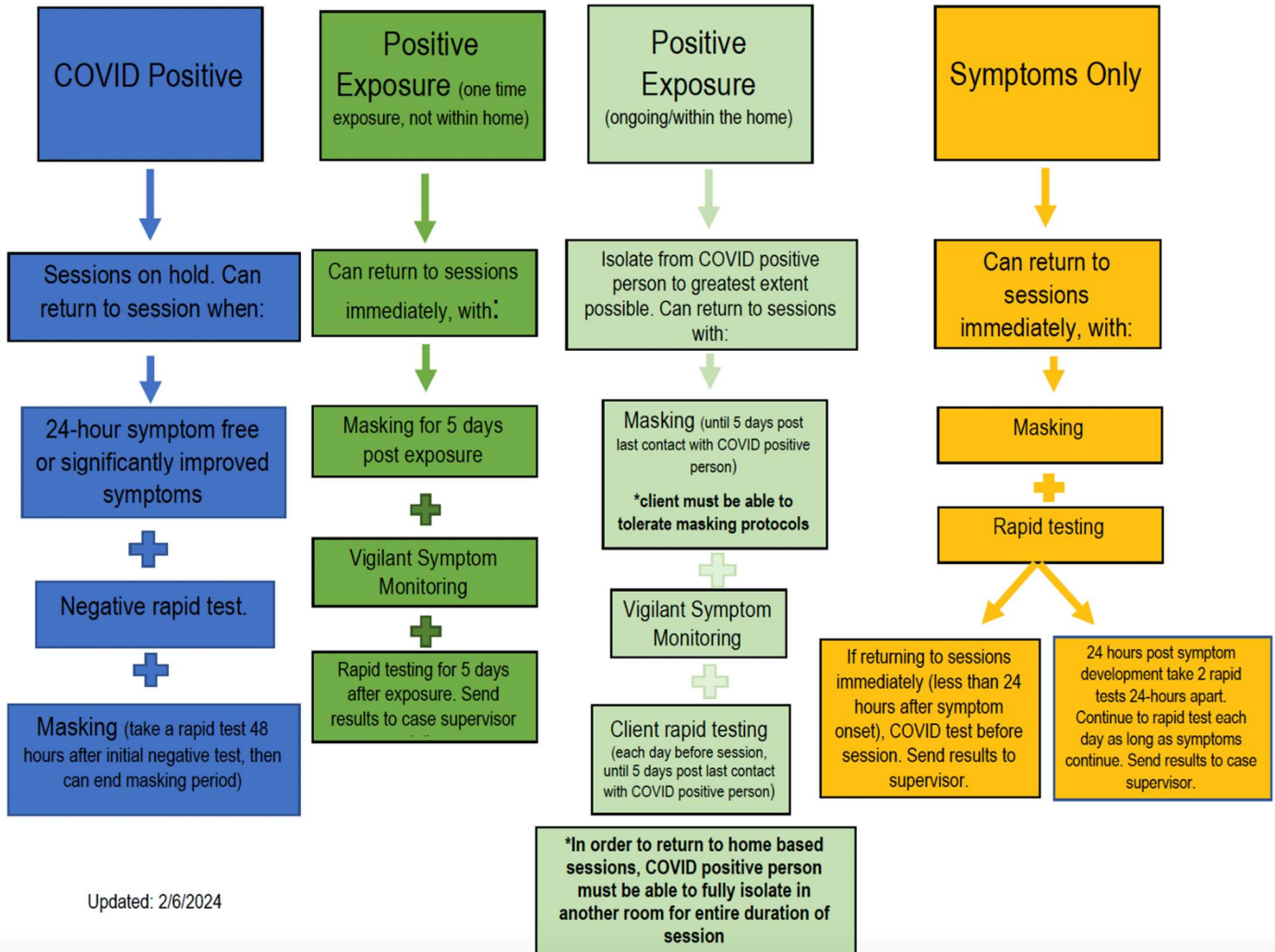
Please continue to contact your team's supervisor immediately (prior to any face-to-face contact with Sendan staff or other clients) in ANY of the following circumstances:

1. Your child or household member has an exposure (example: you were in contact with someone with COVID-19).
2. Your child or household member has a fever or a COVID symptom.

Whether sessions are on hold or if household members will have to mask and/or quarantine from each other to continue sessions is a decision that will be made on a case-by-case basis but will generally follow the testing protocols outlined below.

TESTING TIMELINES AND PROTOCOLS:

While these testing timelines and protocols may continue to be updated, the below is generally what your clinician will follow when making a determination about when sessions can resume:





Other information & definitions:

Masking

client masks if able to tolerate in a high quality (N95, KN95, KF94, etc.) mask.

If client is unable to **fully comply** with masking policy (e.g. takes off mask frequently, can only tolerate surgical mask, etc.), client masks to the best of their ability and staff also masks.

Testing

If you are unable to test after an exposure or a client/family member is positive, client can return to session 10 days after symptom onset or positive test (whichever is later). If multiple family members tested positive, it is from the date of the last family member's positive results

Access to rapid tests

Please order free rapid tests when available. If you need assistance with accessing tests, contact your case supervisor.

Counting "days"

Always count from day 0. The first day of symptoms, testing positive, day of isolation if not testing, is day 0. Count from there to get return date.

Return date is the day after the required days post. For example, it would be return to session on the 6th day or 11th day. But can test on the 5th day or 10th day.

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We understand that life can be complicated. We so appreciate your vigilance during these times, and the conversations we have with you as they help to keep your family, our staff – and all the other families and children we work with – safe and healthy.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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I attest to the following statements (please acknowledge by initialing next to each item):

_____ I agree to notify Sendan as soon as possible if my child (or anyone else who will have direct contact with Sendan staff during ABA sessions) is exhibiting any symptoms so that testing, masking, and/or isolation procedures can be followed.

_____ I agree to notify Sendan as soon as possible if my child (or anyone else who will have direction contact with Sendan staff during ABA sessions) had a recent direct exposure to anyone with COVID-19 so that testing, masking, or isolation policies can be followed.

_____ I agree to turn on the HEPA filter provided by Sendan at least 30 minutes prior to the start of my child's sessions if they take place in my home.

_____ If requested, I agree to mask and/or to seek out testing as requested and report the results to my Sendan staff prior to sessions resuming.

_____ I understand that Sendan staff may choose to continue to wear a mask during sessions with my child.

We have read and agree to all of the above measures and have had the opportunity to clarify any of the policies and procedures with Sendan staff. I know I may ask questions about these policies and practices at any time.

Printed name of child

Signature of parent/child/guardian

Date Signed

Printed name of parent/guardian

Relationship to child