

# *Visual symptoms treatment center*

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## COME BACK !

To our therapy patients and their families

During planning I realized that the big advantage of our clinic is that we have such a large space, large rooms, wide hallways 4 entry/exit doors and multiple private rooms.

### Office Safety Measures

Masks will be required at all times

Health screening questions will be asked before entrance to the office

Temperatures will be taken immediately on entry.

All surfaces and equipment will be disinfected between use

The waiting room will be your car

No additional accompanying siblings or adults for exams other than necessary

Exams and vision therapy sessions have extra time for disinfection in between patients

Office flow will be controlled with signage, texting and use of different doors for entry and exit

All rooms and work stations will have their own disinfection supplies

Signage for social distancing will be displayed through the office

All staff including doctors will be subjected to health screenings

All staff including doctors will have their temperature taken 3x day

There will be extra time built between each patient to allow for safe flow and time to disinfect.

Each table will have paper towel, hand sanitizer, spray bottle with hydrogen peroxide mix and a plastic bucket. The table and equipment will be sprayed and wiped down with hydrogen peroxide mix between patients. The patient should clean his/her hands with hand sanitizer when they sit down at the table. The plastic bucket is to put used equipment in so there is no confusion with unused equipment. This equipment will be cleaned between sessions.

Entrance and exit to the office will be managed via texting. When the patient/parent arrives they would text their vision therapist. The therapist would then text them back as to when they should come to the door. Health screening questions will be answered from the car or at the door. At the door temperatures will be taken and screening questions will be asked if it has not been done previously. Weekly patients/parents may sign and date a health screening sheet and hand it in. The child will then be directed or escorted to their vision therapist depending on their age. If it is necessary for a parent to be with a child during therapy exceptions can be made by arrangement beforehand.

For children the therapist will text the parent when they are finished with their session and they are ready for the child to leave. If the child cannot go to the door alone they will be escorted to an exit door and passed on to a parent or taken to the car safely. Parents can park close to the exit door.

Any adult who enters the office to talk with a therapist will have to answer the health screening questions and have a temperature check and will be restricted to the space where their child is. Some therapists liked the idea of the patient bringing their own packet with pencil and equipment they use.

For children who are coming for the first time the vision therapist will expect to spend some time with the parent and will arrange time during the session to do so, or alternatively may arrange a zoom meeting if they prefer.

If a patient is late, they will not be able to enter the office unless the therapist knows they have enough time to help them without jeopardizing the next patient.

I hope that the measures we have taken will make you feel safe

Dr. Neil Margolis