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Hello valued families,

As BC moves into Step 3 of its reopening plan, I am contacting you regarding COVID protocols for in-person services for your child(ren).

The current guidelines no longer require masks indoors, especially in small gatherings. However, masks are still recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated – individuals are considered fully vaccinated 14+ days after their second dose.

I am now fully vaccinated, so I will no longer be wearing a mask for in-person sessions. If you would like me to continue wearing a mask in your home, please do not hesitate to let me know, and I will continue to wear a mask.

For the BIs, each person's situation is different, so you may wish to have a conversation with your BI(s) to determine your level of comfort with whether or not you would like them to continue to wear a mask in session in your home.

In general, I would recommend the following guidelines for both families and service providers so that we can all stay safe and continue to provide services:

1. Please reschedule session(s) if you or your child are sick. The same applies to service providers (e.g., myself and/or BIs).
2. Anyone with symptoms that may indicate COVID should still get tested, then follow medical advice if the test is positive.
 - a. Adults: fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of sense of taste/smell, new onset of fatigue/body aches.
 - b. Children: includes same symptoms as adults (above), but also stuffy/runny nose, tummy upset that may also include vomiting and/or diarrhea.
3. Practice good hygiene during sessions: wash hands/use hand sanitizer frequently in sessions, especially if/when consuming food, or if the child has put their fingers/hands/toys in their mouth.
4. Increase air circulation if possible by opening a window/door, using fans, etc. as this decreases the risk of transmission.

If you or your family have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to me.

I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces, and for the kids to see mine! I hope they haven't forgotten what I look like without a mask!

Best,

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