



JULY 6, 2020

Re: Clarksville Face Coverings/Masks Mandate

Dear parents and colleagues:

On Monday July 6, Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett issued Executive Order #9. This new order requires the use of face coverings or masks while in public businesses beginning July 8. The order is to remain in effect until July 15, but it could be extended beyond this date. Additional information and the full order can be found on the Montgomery County Government's website (mcgtn.org/gov/covid19).

Beginning Wednesday July 8th, Autism ETC will implement the mandatory wearing of face coverings within its Clarksville clinic including all employees and public visitors. Face coverings are required at all times with the following exceptions:

- Children under the age of 12 are not required to wear masks at any time, pursuant to the order from the Montgomery County.
- Our therapists routinely go outside the clinic during the day, weather permitting. Pursuant to the order, face coverings may be removed in public workplaces and outdoors provided that social distance is maintained.

Employees and public visitors are encouraged to bring a face covering from home when visiting our clinics. Anyone who does not have a face covering will be provided a mask before entering the clinic. This policy will remain in effect indefinitely. We will update you with any future policy change.

We understand that the threat posed by COVID-19 is unwavering. Please know that we are taking this matter very seriously, and we *will* do everything in our power ensure your children's safety while they are receiving our services. Please partner with us to contain COVID-19 in our clinics by following all CDC guidance in your daily lives. We must all work together to slow the spread of disease. Guidance can be found online on the CDC's website (cdc.gov/coronavirus/). If you have questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Autism ETC Clinical Management Team

