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Hi Everyone!

It has been a long year with lots of shutdowns, starts, restarts, and changes. It has been challenging and I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. That said, I am sorry for delays in scheduling but we are now up and running full time. Currently I will not be taking any NEW appointments from new clients. If you are a regular client and are already in the schedule, I will see you as usual. Below are also the continued guidelines required for an appointment. These guidelines will remain in place until there is further guidance from the Connecticut Department of Health. These guidelines and protocols are to ensure a safe environment for us all.

### GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS

1. **Symptoms:** If you are experiencing ANY symptoms of illness, including fever, headache, chills, cough, sneezing, (allergies will be included in prohibited conditions), digestive illness, are not feeling well or have been in contact with someone who is sick or has recently travelled (within the past 14 days), I ask that we reschedule your appointment until you have tested negative for Covid 19 or have been vaccinated. I have been vaccinated and had the booster shot.
2. **Immunocompromised:** If you or anyone in your family are immunocompromised, or you live with those in a vulnerable population, consider rescheduling your appointment.
3. **Waiver:** You (the client) will have to sign a COVID-19 Waiver when or before you come in for your appointment, indicating that while all precautionary measures are being taken you acknowledge the risk of receiving a massage and possible transmission.
4. **Temperature:** You will have your temperature taken upon arrival with a touchless, infrared thermometer. If you have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, your appointment will be cancelled.
5. **Masks:** If you are vaccinated you can decide whether you want to wear a mask (you must provide your vaccination card if you chose not to wear a mask- I have been vaccinated and boosted). If you are not vaccinated, you must come into the building wearing a mask and must keep the mask on throughout your massage therapy session and the time you spend in the office. The only exception will be when you are face down on the massage table. Below your face cradle will be a washable barrier. As soon as you turn over on your back, the facemask must be reapplied.
6. **Cleaning:** I have always maintained high cleaning standards but prior to all appointments I will be disinfecting every surface with a government approved cleaner/disinfectant. I will be wiping down all bottles, containers, pens & pencils in addition to all surfaces, faucets, door handles, toilet, shower etc. All linens are cleaned and sanitizing. All linens used will be used exclusively for

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one client and I must adhere to new and specific protocols in removing and storing soiled linens.

7. **Hygiene/Hand Washing:** For both you and I there will be an ample hand sanitizer available. I will be washing my hands prior to beginning your massage the when completing your massage. It is also possible that I could be washing my hands during a massage session as well.
8. **My Schedule:** Due to the additional time required to clean and disinfect the office, my schedule will be spaced out one hour between clients. The hour after is for cleaning and disinfecting. Please be patient with scheduling as these processes cannot be hurried.
9. **Changes:** There will be some things that are different in your massage experience. Some of these changes are:
  - a. **Pillows and Bolsters:** I will no longer be offering the use of ordinary pillows. They are too difficult to disinfect. I will continue using bolsters because they have covering that is easy to clean.
  - b. **Different Treatment Room Environment:** I have moved the massage area to the larger space allowing for better ventilation and filtering. I have just had special filters installed for the heating and air conditioning system that provide better air filtration.
  - c. **Prices:** As you are aware, I have always held my prices down. Going forward I will have to charge more for treatments because it is going to cost more to deliver quality services.
10. **Special Note:** It has been highly recommended, with all the new guidelines, that if you are over the age of 65, have not been vaccinated or you are in another vulnerable population; or live with someone in those categories, that you forgo massage therapy for now. This is not a requirement, but a strong suggestion from our governing board. Please take it into consideration. That being said, I fit into the "at risk" group so you can rest assured that I am taking all safety precautions (I am currently vaccinated and boosted) necessary should you decide to come in for an appointment including vaccination.

I know this is a lot to digest but please understand that this is for both your safety and mine. I look forward to serving you again.

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