

## **SAMARITAN'S COVID POLICY**

Since the advent of COVID-19, Samaritan has adopted a simple policy toward clients, therapists, and staff, which guides us and that stems from our vision:

***Do no harm, do what heals***

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COVID 19 AND SAMARITAN:**

We are a hybrid counseling center, which means that we equally offer both in-person and online therapy. Our therapists are skilled in both and will never push a client to choose one over the other unless medical or vaccination conditions require it. Being client-centered, we seek to make the client comfortable in whatever mode of therapy the client chooses.

We follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines so that we can take a more objective approach to regional and national COVID flare-ups.

For those seeing our therapists face-to-face, the following guidelines will be followed for sessions in Samaritan offices:

- Clients should alert Samaritan at intake, and the therapist in the first session, her or his vaccination status. If unvaccinated, it is important to let Samaritan know so that the therapist can decide whether to switch to virtual therapy.
- Since air circulation decreases the spread of the virus by reducing the concentration of droplets, in-person therapists use small vortex fans to circulate air, which has the impact of decreasing the viral load either person may receive. If the therapist has forgotten to turn hers or his on, it is appropriate for the client to ask that it be turned on.
- Samaritan may revise this policy if regional outbreaks and flare-ups require it.