

Covid-19 protocols

Physiotherapy

- 1. Every client will be screened before a Physiotherapy appointment using a 15-30minute video or phone call initially. Where possible, the Physiotherapist will treat the client over the phone /video call using education, exercise prescription and specific advice.
- 2. If the Physiotherapist deems that the client needs to be seen in the clinic, the client will complete a Covid-19 screening form.
- 3. The client may be asked to have their temperature taken before treatment.
- 4. A 'hands on' or face to face session will be no longer than 15 minutes long to limit the risk of cross infection.

Pilates 1:1s and classes (max 3 people per class)

- 1. The client will complete a Covid-19 screening form before attending for an appointment.
- 2. Social distancing will be adhered to at all times. This means the Physiotherapist will stay 2metres away from you while instructing the session.
- 3. The client will be asked to wear gloves if using hand held equipment.
- 4. There will only be 1 class run at any time.

Client pathways

- 1. The Physiotherapist will be wearing PPE (personal protective equipment) if coming within 2 metres of the client.
- 2. Strict in house hygiene measures will be taken (medical grade disinfectant of all surfaces after any physical contact).
- 3. Waiting area: permit 1 person into the waiting area at a time. If the client is early, they will be asked to wait downstairs.
- 4. The client will be asked to thoroughly wash hands prior to entering clinic.
- 5. There will be alcohol gel available to clients to use throughout time in the clinic.
- 6. The client will be asked to cough/sneeze into elbow.



Staff

- 1. The Physiotherapist must have spare clothes in the clinic with them in case of PPE breach (e.g. client sneezes all over a physiotherapist).
- 2. Staff will wear minimalist clothing and aim to leave as many items they use at work outside your home. i.e. change clothes to travel to and from work.
- 3. Have bare arms from elbow down.
- 4. Shower head to toe immediately on arrival home each day.
- 5. Wash uniform in minimum 60 degrees.
- 6. Do not bring handbag to work- bring items needed in plastic disposable/ziploc bag.
- 7. Where possible do not use hands to touch surfaces- use elbow.
- 8. No using shared cutlery/cups or food spaces. Staff must bring their own bottled drinks.

Staff hygiene

- 1. Wash hands up to elbows before and after each client.
- 2. Use alcohol gel in between different techniques/throughout session.
- 3. Gloves, apron and mask must be worn if doing hands on treatment. Gloves and apron will be disposable after seeing each client.
- 4. All surfaces that were touched by a client will be wiped down thoroughly using medical grade disinfectant.
- 5. The Physiotherapist will facilitate the client to touch as few communal surfaces as possible.