

## **Covid-19 Additional Procedures for Infection Control at The Drive Osteopaths 72 The Drive Hove**

Risk Assessment carried out May 2020, to be reviewed monthly in line with Government and Professional body guidance (iO, GOSC NHS England)

### **1 Triaging/Screening Patients, Practitioners and Staff**

Insist that if anyone, including patients, staff and practitioners show any symptoms of Covid-19, they do not attend the clinic. When patients call the Clinic these issues will be discussed before they attend the clinic AND a reminder of these issues will be sent in the appointment text reminder. Staff and Practitioners will be required to read and sign this protocol and will be self-disciplined in the execution thereof.

These symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new and continuous cough (additional to any cough you may normally experience)
- Loss of smell or taste

### **2 Additional Cleaning Protocol**

- Frequent and rigorous cleaning of ALL touch points and hotspots of transmission throughout the clinic continuously through the working day.
- Touch points to be cleaned after each patient
- Treatment tables, pillows, and chairs will be cleaned before and after each patient
- Non-essential fabric removed from the clinic to facilitate thorough cleaning.
- All patients to use alcohol-based hand sanitiser on arrival

### **3 Application of Social Distancing**

- Arranging appointment times to stagger appointments so that there is only one patient in the waiting room at any one time.
- Placing chairs in waiting room 2m apart in the event of having two patients in the waiting room at any one time
- Asking patients to arrive on time and not before their appointment time
- Wherever possible, ask patients to come on their own to reduce the volume of visitors to the Clinic

### **4 Increased Protection Measures for Staff Patients and Practitioners**

- Practitioners to wear appropriate PPE to protect themselves and the patient, in line with current guidance.
- Encourage patients to wear face coverings
- Reception staff to wear face coverings or visors.
- Frequent use of hand sanitiser for all personnel in the Clinic

### **5 Ongoing Training for all Staff and Practitioners**

- Regular screening of staff for Covid-19 symptoms
- All staff to maintain understanding and awareness of Clinic policies and infection control
- All staff to be trained in putting on/removal/disposal of PPE
- All staff to be trained in correct handwashing and personal hygiene procedures

