

## MFT Program Policy on COVID Safety

### Policy Availability

This **Policy on COVID Safety** is available to the public via the [MFT Homepage](#) > [Accreditation](#) > [Policies and Handbook](#).

### MFT Program Policy on COVID Safety Practices

The MFT Program faculty, staff, and students will comply with all University policies regarding COVID or other pandemic diseases.

In order to assure that no one with an active fever enters the clinic, a gloved and masked student will greet people (any student, client, visitor, faculty) at the front door. That person will take the individual's temperature, using a forehead thermometer.

Only one student clinician, client, and supervisor will be allowed to walk the client to the therapy room. If the client needs assistance with ambulating to the room or is unable to separate from the parent, then their personal caregiver can accompany them to the room; however, they will also have to have their temperature checked and wear a mask. Caregivers must wear a mask while in the building. To maintain social distancing, no more than six individuals may be seated in the waiting room. Caregivers may sit in their cars or outside while waiting for the therapy session to end. Caregivers are NOT allowed to leave campus while a minor is receiving services.

All clients/clinicians will be informed of risks associated with face-to-face therapy during this time and will sign an agreement/release form acknowledging these risks.

### Clients/Caregivers

In addition to the above requirements, all clients and caregivers entering the building will have to answer a series of questions regarding exposure to COVID-19, exhibiting any fevers or symptoms, or have traveled to areas that the CDC rates as "hot spots." The client and caregiver will keep their masks on while walking to the therapy room.

### Students/Faculty

Students working in the VSU Speech and Hearing Clinic will sign an acknowledgement of risk form stating that they have been fever free for 14 days prior to the start of the semester. All student clinicians and clinical supervisor must wear a mask when they are in the clinic even if they are not directly treating clients.

Clinicians will wait in the lobby or outside the building to greet their clients.

Clinicians will continue the mandatory clinic clean-up scheduled that was previously in place prior to COVID that provided additional cleaning and sanitizing to therapy rooms, observation rooms, the lobby, and the student work room.

### Therapy Sessions

This policy addresses Standard V12.5, Eligibility Criterion E: Accuracy and Program Transparency in Policies and Publications and Eligibility Criterion G: Establishment and Accessibility of Policies. Updated Spring 2026. Scheduled for review whenever a pandemic hits, as necessary, or University policy changes.

1. Each therapy session will last 45 - 60 minutes. The therapy room will have the clinician and client in the room. At the end of the session, each clinician will wipe down tables, chairs, and doorknobs.
2. There will be a 15-minute separation between the end and start time of each session to allow for the room to be wiped down and dried.
3. Only materials that can be directly sanitized will be used in the sessions. Once therapy is done, the materials will be cleaned with disinfected wipes approved for the use of COVID-19.
4. For Fees, the faculty member will wear a N95 mask and clear plastic shield while performing the assessment and stand to the side of the patient. The student clinician will wear a regular mask and stand to the side and slightly behind the patient.

### **VSU Janitorial Services**

Janitorial staff will follow the Re-opening plan as laid out by the University.

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