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Please be advised that all of the information in the full Informed Consent document continues to apply to the work you will do with me. The additional information below applies specifically to the tele-psychology option I am temporarily able to offer. Insurance companies and licensing boards have already informed us that this current treatment delivery option will likely NOT continue beyond the current health crisis. To cover my current ability to work with your family, you will be asked to acknowledge that you understand the terms of this alternate therapeutic option, and your verbal consent will be documented. At the outset of participating in video conferencing services, we will have discussed and agreed to the following:

- There are potential benefits and risks of video-conferencing (such as limits to confidentiality), which differ from in-person sessions. Your right to terminate telemedicine or any other mental health services at any time remains in effect, however
- Confidentiality guidelines still apply for tele-psychology services. No session will be recorded by either party.
- I will explain how the video-conferencing platform works, and will continue to answer any questions you or your child / adolescent may have about utilizing this interaction format.
- It is critical to use a private and secure internet connection, rather than a public access wi-fi option. It is also your responsibility to provide an electronic device and internet capability, in order to access the video- conferencing platform. My practice will not incur any of your costs for this therapeutic strategy, and regular billing fees will apply on our end, as agreed to in advance.
- It is important for you to organize the space and situation where you will participate in the video- conferencing session, so that quiet, private time is available for the session, to the extent possible. You should treat the time for video-conferencing the same way we would for an in-person session.
- Any changes or cancellations for the session should follow the same guidance as for in-person sessions.
- For each session, a “back up plan” should be discussed at the outset, in case internet, electricity, or other technical issues occur that abruptly cut-off a session. Phone contact may be needed, and/or re-scheduling.