

Dear client and family,

The SIU Clinical Center is excited to reinitiate psychological assessments! However, we are also committed to maintaining our clients' and staff's safety and stopping the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, we are implementing the following safety precautions. These precautions are mandatory. If it is determined that a client is not able to comply with these procedures, then they will be referred to another agency or returned to the waitlist until in-person testing without these precautions is appropriate.

All clients and staff will be required to wear face masks per SIU and the Clinical Center's policies. On the rare occasion that a clinician and their supervisor feel it is necessary for masks to be removed for testing, the clinician and client will move to opposite ends of the room and briefly pull their masks down to communicate. Masks must remain on unless the clinician instructs otherwise. Additionally, gloves will be worn by clinicians during testing. Plexiglass shields will be placed between the examiner and the client for added safety. All measures and interviews that can be completed virtually or remotely will be done over video or phone.

On the day of testing, clients and/or their parent/guardian will be temperature checked at the door. If a fever is detected, the client and their family will be sent home and the appointment will be rescheduled once it is deemed safe to do so. Clients will be brought to a designated, disinfected testing room. Parents/guardians will be provided a similar room that they are to remain in throughout testing except during breaks (e.g., lunch, restroom breaks). We encourage parents and guardians to bring reading material or other work to fill their time. Clients may bring water into the testing room. However, no other food or beverages will be allowed. Please note that SIU has shut off water fountains on campus to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Upon designated breaks (e.g., lunch) the testing room will be disinfected by clinic staff. Bottles of hand sanitizer will be available in the testing rooms, and it is expected that staff and clients will sanitize their hands between tests. Your clinician will provide prompts as necessary to remind you to readjust your mask or sanitize your hands.

At the end of testing all materials and rooms will be disinfected. Clients will be asked to place their testing materials into plastic bags where they will remain for at least 24 hours before being accessed by clinicians.

The Clinical Center greatly appreciates your commitment to and compliance with these procedures! We look forward to continuing to provide excellent psychological assessment services. If you have any questions or concerns about these procedures, please contact the Clinical Center director, Dr. Holly Cormier, at 618-453-2361.