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INFORMED CONSENT TO UNDERGO NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OFFICE PROTOCOL

There is always a risk of infection whenever individuals have close contact during the current pandemic. Since Neuropsychological Evaluation requires close contact between the examiner and the examinee, Dr. Roberts has created a special protocol to help ensure the safety of both parties during such an examination.

Upon greeting, Dr. Roberts will take the temperature of the examinee and himself to demonstrate that neither has a fever. Dr. Roberts will be wearing a new N95 mask and nitrile gloves. Dr. Roberts will hand the examinee a new N95 mask and a baggie. He will then instruct the examinee to go to the restroom, remove their own mask and place it in the baggie (or throw it away), wash their hands, put on the new mask and return to the conference room. Upon entering the conference room, they will be asked to use hand sanitizer and put own a new set of nitrile gloves. Both Dr. Roberts and the examinee will wear masks and gloves at all times during the examination. When breaks are taken, both parties will use hand sanitizer and gloves; new gloves will be provided, if needed. A 3-foot high by 4-foot-wide sneeze shield will be installed between them at the conference table at which they will sit. The table and chair will be sanitized prior to the exam. A barrier has been installed to enable each person to remain in a separate space. An outside window will be opened to allow for a free flow of fresh air. No other party will be allowed to enter the office at any time during the examination.

These protocols have been implemented to facilitate the safety of everyone. In the event that either party has a fever or other symptoms that may indicate the risk of disease, either party may choose to stop the examination without penalty.

The examinee must be given a copy of this protocol in advance of the examination. Their attendance at the examination will demonstrate their agreement and informed consent to go forward with the examination using this protocol.