



COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARD 15

Use of Personal Protective Equipment During a Treatment

Conditions:

- Given a client or a therapist with a recognizable contagious condition that might be spread by contact or inhalation during the massage therapy treatment
- Given a client who requires intra-oral treatment as part of their treatment
- Given a client or therapist with non-intact skin, or open or healing lesions that would be vulnerable in the course of providing massage therapy treatment

Task:

Perform the massage therapy treatment:

- Without spreading infection,
- While using personal protective equipment

Standard:

Quality / Interpersonal:

- So that you explain why the use of gloves, masks or suitable alternative or other barrier is necessary or recommended
- So that the client is given an opportunity to ask questions

Quality / Technical:

- So that all requirements of communicable disease control as defined by the *Infection Control for Regulated Professionals* document are met.
- So that the affected area on the client is avoided as much as possible
- So that the affected area of the therapist's arm, hand, and/or fingers is totally covered to prevent contact.
- So that in the case of an airborne infectious disease both the therapist and the client wear a mask before, during and after treatment.

Safety:

- So that if these options are not possible or available that the treatment be altered, terminated, or postponed.
- So that the risk of allergies has been discussed and identified

Timing:

- Before the treatment begins or as soon as the situation arises during treatment.

Reference:

Infection Control for Regulated Professionals