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