

Procedures to Ensure Patient & Examiner Safety During Neuropsychological Examinations with Dr. Lechuga and Staff (as of 5/12/20)

- I. Before the Patient/Examinee Arrives:
 - a. Screen them for health status the day before their scheduled appointment. Ask if they have any symptoms (see below).
 - b. Ask if they have any questions or concerns about our precautions, which are designed to keep them safe, as well as our staff.
 - c. Be sure they have seen and reviewed the safety procedures we need them to follow during the examination day (see below).
 - d. Be sure they know that the testing will not go forward if they have a temperature on the day of the testing or have signs of illness.
 - e. Request they bring their own snacks or lunch and beverage and water. We want to discourage anyone from touching areas that may be touched by others - even though we will clean every hour or when another person enters the building.

- II. Day of Testing Precautions:
 - a. Have the patient/examinee wash or sanitize their hands prior to entering out clinic.
 - b. We will take the temperature of everyone before testing begins with a disinfected forehead device.
 - c. Check patient is wearing a mask and that it is appropriate and fits properly. Offer other options if the mask appears to be risky.
- III. Inquire of any signs of illness or possible exposure to illness:
 - a. Recent Fever
 - b. Throat discomfort
 - c. Cough
 - d. Fatigue
 - e. Sniffles
- IV. Discontinue if patient or examiner has a fever or says they are ill.
- V. If all is well, review procedures, precautions and inform about risks associated with testing - which necessitates being closer than 6 feet at times.

- VI. Highlight that despite our thoughtful, diligent, preventive measures, the patient may already be infected and not showing signs, as might the examiner.
- VII. Point out the precautionary recommendations for the testing day. Have them indicate verbally that they understand the risks and would like to proceed regardless. Or, if the examinee is a minor or lacks the capacity to understand the precautionary recommendations, review all with their guardian/parent, or other responsible party.
- VIII. Discourage family or friends from remaining in the waiting area, if possible. If necessary, escort them to a separate room with tissues, a trash container, hand sanitizer, an air purifier, etc. Encourage hand washing & phone cleanliness. If anyone is ill, they cannot stay.

Please contact us with any questions. Feel free to email Dr. Lechuga directly. His email is dlechuga@neuroclinic.com.

Helpful Resources:

[What is Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Prevention \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Making Your Own Disinfectant Bleach](#)