

FOUNDATION FIRST SPEECH PATHOLOGY

ILLNESS POLICY

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1. Illness Procedure

If a client, parent/caregiver, or other person attending the appointment is unwell, the appointment will be cancelled. If the clinician attends the appointment at a participant's home, education setting, or other agreed upon location for the appointment, the clinician reserves the right to cancel the appointment due to undisclosed illness of the participant, parent/caregiver, or other person attending the appointment. In this case, travel for the appointment is also required to be paid.

A late notice cancellation, even in the case of illness, will require a non-attendance charge of the full cost of the appointment. Below is a list of illnesses and their exclusionary period:

Illness	Symptoms	Exclusionary Period
Cold or Flu	Headache Fever Muscle Soreness Cough Running Nose Fatigue	Until all symptoms have resolved
Gastroenteritis	Vomiting Diarrhea Fever Abdominal Pain Bloating Fatigue	For 24 hours after the last symptom has been observed
Chicken Pox	Itchy rash over the body Fever Headache Aches in the body	Until blisters have crusted over, and other symptoms have resolved
Impetigo	A collection of blisters form around nose and mouth most commonly	Until treatment has begun, and blisters are dried up.
Whooping cough	Runny nose Sneezing Fever Cough which can results in fits of coughing and/or vomiting	For 21 days from the start of symptoms and for at least 5 days after an antibiotic treatment has commenced.
Conjunctivitis	Excessive discharge forming a crust on the eyes. Red eyes Itchiness of the eyes	Until discharge has stopped coming from the eye
Head lice	Lice on the head Itchiness on the scalp	Excluded until treatment has ben completed.
Measles	Fever Fatigue Red rash over the body Dry cough Sore eyes (conjunctivitis)	Excluded for at least 5 days post onset of the rash and until all symptoms have resolved.

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2. COVID-19 Additional Protocol

COVID-19 continues to pose a significant public health risk. Foundation First Speech Pathology is committed to ensuring that we provide a safe environment for all staff and participants.

- Staff and clients/participants will be required to have remediated any symptoms of COVID-19 **before** they may return to work: Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
 - Fever
 - respiratory symptoms
 - coughing
 - sore throat
 - shortness of breath.
 - runny nose
 - acute blocked nose (congestion)
 - headache
 - muscle or joint pains
 - nausea
 - diarrhoea
 - vomiting
 - loss of sense of smell
 - altered sense of taste
 - loss of appetite and fatigue

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