

## **Irene's Pandemic Protocols and Sanitation Standards**

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Irene's protocols are designed to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets and disinfect surfaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19. A clean facility, proper hygiene, client safety, and disease prevention is a basis of professional massage practice. The outbreak and rapid spread of coronavirus requires renewed attention and increased vigilance.

The health and safety of everyone in Irene's school community is our highest priority. We understand that through touch and close physical proximity, there is an elevated risk of disease transmission. Therefore, when we are on campus, it is imperative that we follow the measures outlined in this document to provide the safest environment possible. The expectation is for everyone to follow these protocols.

COVID-19 is spread primarily by person- to-person contact. Infectious respiratory droplets are produced when someone coughs, sneezes, or speaks. These droplets can land on the face or be inhaled by an uninfected person standing close by. Smaller droplets hang in the air for a period of time, while heavier droplets fall to surfaces. An uninfected person might touch a contaminated surface and then touch their face.

This document will be updated with new information from the CDC or as State regulations are specified. We are implementing numerous infection-control protocols that will help maintain a clean and safe environment on campus. These measures will also teach and model behaviors and language that our students need to be familiar with to begin a safe professional practice.

While not all of the measures herein will be necessary for the long-term, they are imperative now. Faculty and staff have a responsibility to both abide by AND enforce these procedures and protocols. This is not a suggestion, but an expectation. We appreciate your support!

We remind everyone that a primary operating tenant at Irene's is to treat each other with honor and respect. In order to resume sharing the love and kindness that Irene's is known for, we will all remain patient with one another as we step out of our comfort zones and adapt to this temporary normal. We commit to do this together – all or nothing!