

Example Coronavirus clause

Why include this?

Although there is no indication that the UK government will impose a lockdown, you may wish to recontract with clients to include a coronavirus clause in case you, your client becomes ill. If you're going to consider offering online counselling, please look at our online resources page. It's important that your supervisor and other relevant persons are aware of your clause.

How it might look

I am currently following the advice of the government, the NHS and BACP (my professional body).

If you have a cough or high temperature or any flu like symptoms, or suspect that you have the virus or have travelled back from a high risk country or have been in contact with a person who has contracted the virus then please do not attend counselling in person. If preferred we can arrange the continuation of counselling via an online video platform.

Equally if I have been in contact with a person who has contracted the virus, I will notify you immediately and will self-isolate. I can, health permitting, then offer counselling via an online video platform.

If I develop a cough, temperature or flu symptoms, I will notify you immediately and may be obliged to inform the NHS of people I've been in contact with. In this case, I may need to share your name and contact details but not the context in which I know you. However, you may be contacted by the NHS.

If I am unable to contact you my [insert name of nominate other; supervisor, practice associate etc] who is bound by confidentiality, will be provided with a list of my client's name and contact details and will be in touch

Thanking you for your co-operation, please don't hesitate to ask any questions you might have in respect to the above.



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