**COVID 19 INFECTION CONTROL PLAN FOR NCA – PRACTITIONERS AND PATIENTS**

(July 2020; may be updated as needed)

**Practitioners:**

\*Will not report for work if sick, and especially if displaying COVID-19 typical symptoms, until symptoms disappear or a test comes back negative.

\*Will self-screen/monitor at home if symptoms are mild or will seek medical attention if symptoms become severe.

\*If a practitioner tests positive, Complete Cleaning/Disinfecting Protocols of the clinic will be performed before clients are allowed to return. Patients who were in direct contact with the infected practitioner the previous three days will be notified.

The local Board of Health office will be notified immediately, and the practitioner will work with the office to assist contact tracing and encourage isolation and self-quarantine, based on the latest recommendations.

**Patients:**

\*Will not come to the clinic if experiencing COVID-19 related typical symptoms, until symptoms disappear or a test comes back negative.

\***If a patient tests positive, the patient is urged to notify the clinic immediately**. Any patient with an overlapping appointment with the infected patient will also be notified, and encouraged to monitor for symptoms, and consider getting tested if at high risk (although risk is reduced due to safety and cleaning protocols). Staff will also monitor for symptoms and consider getting tested.

\*Clinic will be completely cleaned and disinfected following protocols.

\*Patient who is infected will be encouraged to contact the local Board of Health office to support contact tracing efforts and receive further support with self-quarantine and monitoring.

**Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 – patient or practitioner – will not return to the clinic until clear of symptoms, and/or has followed the recommended self-quarantine measures (see Mass.gov or local Board of Health office for latest recommendations)**.