



The primary concern of Gateau Physical Therapy has and always will be the health and safety of our patients, clients, and employees. GPT has been closely following the CDC and other government/medical system recommendations as new data becomes available to ensure we have put in place the most recent policies and procedures to safeguard against COVID-19. As information is frequently changing regarding these issues, GPT will continue to provide any further updates on our precautionary measures as they occur.

What has our practice done to make your appointments as safe as possible?

***Cleaning and disinfecting regularly.** We have increased our standard cleaning protocol to ensure disinfection of any surfaces and equipment touched between patients. All bathrooms and common areas are also cleaned throughout the day. Hand sanitizer and soap/water are available for all patients and staff throughout the clinic.

***Facemasks.** All staff and patients are required to wear facemasks or face coverings while in the clinic. Exceptions made be made only at the therapists' discretion during treatment if warranted based on patient's medical history and/or type of treatment (ie-in pool)

***Screening procedures.** Daily temperature checks are performed using a non-contact thermometer for all patients and staff. A screening questionnaire regarding common signs and symptoms, possible contact with any individual with positive COVID-19 test, and travel history is also posted for patients and staff to review daily.

***Minimize common touch points.** Where appropriate, doors are propped open to avoid touching handles. Magazines have been removed from the waiting room. Intake paperwork has been transitioned to an online option to minimize need for handling of pens and paper in the clinic.

***Change to visitor policy.** Only patients, a parent of a minor, or caregiver needed for assistance (at the discretion of the PT) will be permitted in the treatment area. All others are asked to remain in their cars or drop off and pick up upon completion of PT visit.

***Social distancing.** We are working to minimize the number of individuals within the building and treatment areas to maintain proper social distancing. Seats have also been removed from the waiting area to maintain proper distance.

**We also offer a telehealth option for those individuals who may not yet feel comfortable visiting us in the office.
Please contact the front desk for scheduling options.**

We appreciate your support and understanding during these unprecedented times and we look forward to resuming our visits with you!