

## One World Center for Autism, Inc.

Linking those living with autism to their world

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## One World Pediatrics

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## Diagnostic Visit Changes at the One World Center for Autism



We at the One World Center for Autism are forging ahead and offering a new way to provide care. Given the need for social distancing and safer healthcare, we are fully launching telehealth Primary Care and Autism Diagnostic Services conducted by using 2-way audio video technology. The platform is different, but the goal is the same—to provide a medical home and/ or comprehensive autism diagnostic/ consultative services for you and your child!

**Please see the order of and changes to our Diagnostic Visit Process below:**

### Visit #1- Comprehensive Developmental, Behavioral and Medical History via telehealth video-conferencing platform.

For this visit, your child will need to be present at the beginning. Once we attempt a video interaction with your child, we will proceed to obtain a comprehensive history of your concerns and your child's development. This is a lengthy visit, so we do not expect you child/ youth to be present on video the entire time. We do however ask that you obtain your child's/ youth's weight in pounds and height in inches (if possible), in preparation for this visit. Please send these measurements to Brenda Reed at [brenda@worldforautism.org](mailto:brenda@worldforautism.org) prior to your child's visit.



### Visit #2- Observation



As a result of social distancing, we are harnessing the power of video in a child's/ youth's natural environment to assist in the diagnosis and medical evaluation of children/ youth with or at risk for autism. **As a part of your child's/ youth's evaluation, we are asking that you provide video footage of your child in three settings or occasions. These include the following:**

1. Solitary play or activity that is enjoyable for your child/ youth
2. Interactive play/ activity with another
3. Atypical, challenging, odd or concerning behaviors

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Once obtained, please forward these videos to Nataly Aguilar at [Nataly@worldforautism.org](mailto:Nataly@worldforautism.org) so that she can schedule your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> Diagnostic Visit. At this visit, the video will be reviewed with you. Feedback and additional questions will be asked to understand your child's/ youth's communication, social interactions, and behaviors. Your child will need to be present either at the beginning or end of this visit to attempt an additional video engagement with him/her.

### Visit #3- Review of Results and Next Steps



After reviewing your child's/youth's history, assessments, video footage and/ or video engagement, we will determine if the diagnosis of autism is present. This determination along with next steps will be shared via telehealth. At this visit, it is advised that you have your partner, family member or a close friend with you, as this visit can be an emotional one. We will provide resources via email or regular mail and schedule a follow-up visit to monitor and support your child's progress and your well-being as their caregiver.

**Once again, thank you for partnering with us in the care and safe diagnosis of your child/ youth! If you have any questions about our new process, please do not hesitate to call 301-618-8395.**