

# Toronto Allergy Group

## PATIENT CONSENT TO COMMUNICATE BY EMAIL

I understand and accept that there are significant risks associated with email communications, including these:

- The privacy and security of email communication cannot be guaranteed.
- Employers and online services may have a legal right to inspect and keep emails passing through their systems.
- Emails can be intercepted, forwarded, circulated, stored or even changed without the knowledge or permission of either the sender or recipient.
- Copies of an email may continue to exist, even after reasonable efforts to delete the email have been made.
- Someone other than me may send an email in my name, and this impersonation may not be detected by the recipient.
- Email may carry computer viruses that may damage computer data or software or disclose my information against my wishes.
- Email may be accidentally sent to an unintended recipient, or to many such recipients.
- Email may be disclosed to third parties or to the public, regardless of the intentions of the receiver or sender.

I understand and agree that if the TORONTO ALLERGY GROUP engages in email communication with me:

- The Toronto Allergy Group may decide to stop doing so, at any time, for their own reasons.
- I must not use email for medical emergencies or other time-sensitive matters. If I need immediate assistance or have a condition that appears serious or worsens rapidly, I must not rely on email. Instead, should take other measures as appropriate, which may include seeking emergency services.
- The Toronto Allergy Group may require that I follow additional rules for the use of email communication that it may set at any time.
- The Toronto Allergy Group may use or disclose my email and/or the information in it to people other than the intended recipient, for a variety of purposes-for example, to update my health records, and to permit others to assist in my care or in record-keeping.
- The Toronto Allergy Group at this time will only use email for outbound communications. Inbound messages for any purpose will not be reviewed and other methods of communications in these circumstances (i.e. Telephone, fax, in person) should be used.
- Neither the Toronto Allergy nor those communicating on its behalf will be liable for any harmful consequence to me that may arise from the use of email.
- If I wish to withdraw my consent to communicate by email, I may do so at any time, but I must do so in writing and ensure all relevant email correspondents receive a copy of my withdrawal notice.
- If my emails address changes, I shall promptly inform my email correspondents.

**To consent to email communication with Toronto allergy group you can either print and sign the form below which can then be sent to our office or on the initial virtual visit you will be asked to send an email to confirm consent for ongoing email communication.**

I hereby confirm that I have read the above email consent form and grant the Toronto Allergy Group permission for ongoing outbound communication as they deem appropriate.

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Print full name

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Date

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Signature

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Email address