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COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDANCE

GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC REOPENING TASKFORCE



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Effective May 11, 2020, barbers, hair salons, and other cosmetology businesses may open their physical facilities to workers, customers, and the public and resume in person operations if they operate in accordance with the following guidelines.

General Guidelines:

1. Services shall be limited to haircuts and root touch-up color services
 - a. No blow-drying of hair.
2. All clients must wear at a minimum a cloth face covering that covers the nose and mouth at all times when within the salon or barbershop.
3. All staff must wear at a minimum cloth face covering that covers the nose and mouth at all times when within the salon, even when alone in client service areas (e.g. cleaning and disinfecting after services).
 - a. Cloth face masks/coverings should be worn and managed according to CDC guidance about [use of cloth face coverings](#).
 - b. Surgical facemasks can be considered in place of a cloth face covering if available; however, higher-level respiratory masks (e.g. N95 masks) are NOT appropriate.
4. Staff and clients wearing face coverings must not touch their eyes, nose, mouth, or face, or adjust their face mask without first sanitizing hands. After touching face or adjusting mask, hands must be sanitized.
5. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be made readily available at the reception area and client service areas for frequent use by both staff and clients.
6. Staff and clients should be screened (questioned about) symptoms of COVID-19 before each shift (for staff), and before the appointment (for clients). Staff with any symptoms should not be allowed to work. Clients with any symptoms should be re-scheduled.
7. Staff and clients should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others in the salon except for when staff are attending to client's hair.

Reception Area:

1. Reception areas must be closed.
2. Clients must be scheduled by appointment only. No walk-in appointments.
3. Stagger appointments so only one person is arriving at a time.
4. A maximum of no more than 10 total people at any one time (staff and clients combined) are allowed in the facility at any time (possibly fewer depending on the size of the salon and ability to maintain 6 feet of distance between clients at all times), plus the number of clients should not exceed the number of staff. For example, in a small salon with one staff member, the maximum number of people allowed in the salon at any one time is two.
5. Client must wait in their car until called in by the stylist.
6. There must be sufficient time between clients in order to complete sanitation procedures.



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7. Services should preferably be paid for electronically before arrival at the establishment. If electronic or card payment is unable to be submitted, clients should come with exact cash payment or check.

Work Station:

1. Ensure work stations are at least 6 feet apart; more distance is preferable.
2. Workstations must be routinely and frequently cleaned, especially between client use. Review the CDC [reopening guidance for cleaning and disinfecting](#).
3. Clean and disinfect all non-porous implements used in the services, as required by all states (immersion, spray or wipe).
4. Store properly disinfected implements in closed, containers that have also been disinfected (wipe or spray).
5. Clean and disinfect all electrical implements before and after use on a client.
6. Clean and disinfect chairs and headrests before and after each client.
 - a. Remember that porous materials cannot be disinfected and ongoing use of disinfectants on materials covering chairs, can damage the material.
 - b. Consider barrier methods on chairs such as disposable paper drapes or towels that can be laundered after each client.
7. Clean and disinfect station, rolling carts drawers and any containers used for storage.
8. Ensure that single use (porous items) are new.
9. Hand sanitizer for client use.
10. No testers of any kind are permitted.

Restroom:

1. Regularly clean and disinfect all surfaces.
2. Consider upgrading to touchless faucets, soap and paper towel dispensers.
3. Consider adding touchless, automatic hand sanitizer dispensers.
4. Place trash container near door.
5. Remove any products that do not belong in the restroom.
6. Ensure soap dispensers are regularly filled.
7. Avoid waiting or congregating in/around the restroom if restrooms are multi-use.
8. Restrooms should be single use (one-at-a-time) facilities, where feasible.



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Laundry:

1. All dirty linens should be placed in a covered non porous container.
2. Wash all laundry on hot with detergent and dry until “hot to the touch” ensuring no moisture or dampness in any linen.
3. Launder (porous) or disinfect (non-porous) caps and capes.
4. All linens should be stored in closed cabinet or covered shelving until used.

Shampoo Bowls:

1. Clean all bowls, handles, hoses, spray nozzles and shampoo chairs before and after client use.
2. Disinfect all bowls, handles, hoses, spray nozzles and shampoo chairs before and after client use, observing full contact time with a properly concentrated disinfectant or wipe.

ON-GOING SAFETY GUIDELINES

In addition to the below guidelines, salons, barbershops and other cosmetology businesses must follow the existing Board rules. The following steps may be above and beyond those requirements:

Disinfectants/PPE:

1. Review and follow [CDC guidance](#) relating to cleaning and disinfection for COVID-19.
2. Disinfectant must be EPA-registered and labeled as bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal
3. Disinfect using an [EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19](#).
4. Observe full contact time on manufacturers label.
5. Disinfectant for immersion must be made fresh daily and replaced if it becomes contaminated sooner.
6. Immersed items should be removed at the end of contact time, rinsed and dried with a paper towel or clean, freshly laundered towel.
7. Hands must be washed after removing gloves.

Cleaning and Disinfection of Electrical Implements:

1. Clean implement with wipe or spray and remove any debris, such as hair.
2. Use an EPA-registered bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal spray, foam or wipe to disinfect implement for full contact time listed on the manufacturers label.
3. When contact time is complete, dry with paper towel or clean, freshly laundered towel.



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Practical Changes:

1. Disinfect POS terminals after each use.
2. Disinfect reception counter, door handles, and phones at the beginning of the day and after every use.
3. Stylists and customers must wear either cloth face coverings or surgical procedure masks as discussed above.
4. Discontinue the practice of shaking hands.
5. Screen staff and clients for symptoms of COVID-19; any person with symptoms should not be allowed in the facility.

Hand Hygiene:

1. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds frequently, especially before/after eating, smoking and using the restroom. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
2. Wash/sanitize hands immediately before and after providing services to a client or before returning to the client if called away.

