



COVID-19 Tattoo and Body Piercing Reopening Guidance

The following interim guidance is to assist tattoo and body-piercing establishments reopening to the public after restrictions from the Governor's Executive Order are lifted. Tattoo establishments can reopen on May 1st.

Note: Please check with your local municipality for rules related to reopening, as they may have additional requirements.

Reopening guidelines:

- **Appointments-** Establishments should see clients by appointment only and should consider using telephone, text messaging, or online scheduling to establish appointments. It is recommended that clients wait outside the establishment until the licensee is ready to serve them. Ask clients to maintain social distancing guidelines while waiting outside by either remaining in your vehicle or keeping the recommended spacing. Advise clients that the shop is limiting guest inside the establishment to only those individuals that are receiving services, all other individuals should wait outside the establishment.
- **Establishments that work with walk in traffic only-** Recommend establishing a number system or some type of check in system for customers. They can have numbers available for clients to pick up at the door or just inside the establishment so clients can maintain social distancing guidelines while waiting outside by either remaining in your vehicle or keeping the recommended spacing. Artists can notify customers by displaying or notifying the waiting customers of the next number being served when the licensee is ready.
- **Distancing –** It is acknowledged that social distancing recommendations of 6 feet cannot be met in the actual service itself, however; the following distancing measures can be instituted to reduce risk:
 - Spacing between persons in the shop should be at least six feet at all times. Establishments should consider additional spacing between chairs, divider shields, and/or alternate work schedules to accomplish this.
 - There should be no more than 10 people grouped together within an establishment at any time (including staff) until those recommendations have been lifted by the state or the municipality. Maintain social distancing guidelines within the establishment including the break room and waiting area.
- **Masks –** Establishment employees and clients should wear facemasks to the extent possible during services. Recommend suspending piercing and tattooing of mouth/nose area until Phase 3 of guidelines due to masks covering those areas.
- **Gloves-** Continue proper glove use for services with special attention to hand washing after removal.
- Inform customers to refrain from visiting the establishment if they feel sick, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or are exhibiting symptoms.
- Screen/question customers and employees for symptoms. (Cough, fever, contact with someone with symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19)



Cleaning/Disinfecting/Sanitizing:

- Follow cleaning guidelines (procedures and products) listed at CDC or [OSDH](#).
- Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (tables, art books, restrooms, doors, chair seats and backs, arm rests, etc.) in accordance with the CDC recommendations.
- Limit or remove use of reused customer items (magazines, service menus, etc.) Disposable or single use items preferred.
- Clean, disinfect, or discard items such as linens and towels in a closed container immediately after use.
- Launder all linens and towels in hot soapy water and dry completely at the warmest temperature (till they are hot to the touch) allowed. Store clean linens in an enclosed cabinet or closed container. Store all used/dirty linens in an enclosed container
- Provide hand sanitizer bottles or stations available to customers.
- Clean and disinfect ALL restroom surfaces including floors, sinks and toilet bowls. Store paper products in a closed cabinet. Place trash can near to the door or within reach of the door. Remove anything that does not have to be in the restrooms.

Employees:

- Increased washing of hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Remind employees to cover coughs and sneezes and use a tissue when possible. Also follow with an immediate hand wash of at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth or facemask (if applicable).
- Workers that are possibly sick with the symptoms matching COVID-19 should stay home.
- Workers who have symptoms should not return to work until they are symptom free. (Current guidance is free of symptoms for 72 hours.)

Employers:

- Remove or limit use of high-risk staff (Age 65+, immunocompromised)
- Ensure that your sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance and that employees are aware of these policies.
- If an employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, employers should inform fellow employees of their possible exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace but maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Employees exposed to a co-worker with confirmed COVID-19 should refer to CDC guidance for [how to conduct a risk assessment](#) of their potential exposure. Additional information [here](#).
- Cross-train personnel to perform essential functions so that the workplace is able to operate even if key staff members are absent. Additional information [here](#).



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