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Re-Opening Guidance for Body Art Facilities In Monterey County

This guidance describes mitigating measures to control the spread of COVID-19, an infectious respiratory disease. This guidance does not substitute procedures required by California's Body Art Regulations.

Prohibited Procedures

Suspend piercing and tattooing services for the mouth/nose area. Piercings and tattoos that require removal of face coverings are prohibited until State and County Shelter in Place Orders are lifted.

Required Procedures

1. Signage

- a. Must not enter the facility if you or a family member are sick with COVID 19 symptoms such as: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, etc.
- b. Social/Physical Distancing Protocols shall be observed and performed.
- c. Wearing face coverings are required.
- d. Services by appointment only (no walk-ins)
- e. Post this Re-Opening Guidance at the counter and within the working areas

2. Prior to Entering Facility

- a. Front doors are locked to prevent general access
- b. Client with appointments and employees are escorted into the facility

3. Clients

- a. Must have an appointment for service.
- b. No walk-ins.
- c. Face covering must be worn at all times while in the facility and/or receiving a body art service.
- d. Do not bring drinks or food in the facility
- e. Do not bring family or friends into the facility
- f. Clients receiving a body art service must self certify they are free of COVID 19 related symptoms before having a procedure performed.
- g. Operator may take client temperature prior to entering the facility.
- h. Client's hands must be sanitized with 60% alcohol hand sanitizer as they enter the facility. If hand sanitizer is unavailable, then workers must direct the client to the sink where the client must wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

4. Practitioner/ Staff

- a. All practitioners must have a valid registration to operate.
- b. BBP certificate must be current.
- c. It is highly recommended that all practitioners be tested for COVID-19. Please contact the Monterey County Health Department COVID-19 hotline for current testing locations at 831-769-8700 or 831-755-4521 or email at covid-19@co.monterey.ca.us.
- d. Employees ill with symptoms of COVID-19, have a positive test result for COVID-19, live with or have close contact with someone who is sick or has a positive test result for COVID-19 shall remain home.
- e. Monitor employee and practitioner health at the beginning and periodically during the shift (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, nausea etc.)
- f. All practitioners must wear a face covering when not providing a service. For each procedure, a disposable face covering or a cleanable face shield must be worn for each procedure. Face shields must be disinfected before and after each procedure.
- g. Eye protection must be worn during a procedure. Eye protection can be reading glasses, goggles, or full face shield.

5. Social Distancing Measures

- a. Waiting Area-No waiting or sitting. Clients with appointments may wait in their vehicles. Do not congregate outside the doors.
- b. Counter- Clients and practitioners should be separated by 6ft or greater prior to service and after service. Use partitions, mark floor, or add a physical separation (like a table) at the counter.
- c. Work Stations- separate practitioners 6ft apart or add a physical barrier between stations such as a non-absorbent wall, plexiglass, etc.
- d. Remote consultations- use social media platforms and video/telephonic technologies
- e. Use contactless payment systems or sanitize payment systems regularly and encourage credit card payment vs cash.

6. Sanitation Measures

- a. Prior to opening facility, disinfect all touchable surfaces in the waiting lounge, workstations, and kitchen/breakroom and other common area. Surfaces such as door knobs, counter tops, arm rests, that may be frequently touched by staff or clients must be initially disinfected at opening and then routinely throughout the day. <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- b. Workstations including client furniture must be disinfected before a procedure and after a procedure.
- c. Ensure handwashing stations are equipped with soap, warm water, and single use towels. Bathrooms must be similarly supplied for employees and clients.
- d. Practitioners must perform proper hand washing before and after each procedure and as frequent throughout the day.
- e. These measures are in addition to disinfection procedures for BBP mitigation.