

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Guidance

Tattooing and Body Piercing COVID-19 Prevention Checklist

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When providing a tattoo or piercing, staff and clients can be in close contact. This is a summary checklist of **required measures** to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as the virus can spread from respiratory droplets and shared surfaces of a person with COVID-19. Please review the [Southwestern Public Health COVID-19 Guidelines for Personal Service Settings](#) for more information on how to keep your employees and clients safe. Please note that the requirements under the [Ontario Personal Service Settings Regulation 136/18](#) still apply.

A. Staff Health & Screening

- Staff are advised to report illness to their supervisor/manager and to stay home if sick.
- Staff must be **screened** before starting each shift.
- Staff must go home right away and **self-isolate** if they become ill during a shift. Staff are advised to call telehealth/health care provider for guidance to get tested for COVID-19.
- Staff are trained on **the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE)**, including putting on and taking off gloves, masks/face coverings, face shields/goggles, and gowns, if worn.
- Staff use masks/face coverings at all times while there are other people in the premises.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks/face covering, and eye protection (face shield/goggles) are available on-site for all staff at all times. Operators are required to ensure there is adequate PPE for staff.
- Re-usable face shield/goggles are assigned to one staff member and cleaned and disinfected between use.
- Staff are trained on proper hand hygiene techniques and respiratory etiquette.

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- ❑ Staff launder their clothing after each shift or wear a protective cover over clothing and launder after each shift.

B. Signage at the Premises

- ❑ Signage for **COVID-19 health assessment** and the number of clients permitted at one time is posted at the entrance of the premises.
- ❑ Clients with **COVID-19 symptoms** and/or who have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 are not permitted to enter the premises.
- ❑ Signage for **handwashing, use of hand sanitizer** and **respiratory etiquette** is posted at the entrance and throughout the premises.
- ❑ Floor markers and **physical distancing** signage are available in highly visible areas to remind clients to keep two metres/six feet apart from others at all times.

C. Number of People in the Premises

- ❑ The number of staff and clients is restricted to ensure ease of movement and to maintain two metres/six feet between people.
- ❑ Flexible work schedules and staggered lunch and break times are implemented to limit the number of people in the premises at one time.

D. Scheduling Appointments

- ❑ Clients are advised that they must use a mask/face covering for the **duration** of their appointments.
- ❑ Clients are advised that all consultations for a tattoo or body piercing must be done online before coming to the studio. Appointments will be made for providing the service only.

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- Tattoos and piercing on the face including nose and ears are **not** permitted
- Client appointments are scheduled by phone or online. Walk-in clients are asked to call from outside the premises to make an appointment. This is to ensure that pre-screening of clients can be completed prior to them entering the premise
- Waiting areas are not permitted. Clients are instructed to wait outside of the premises until their scheduled appointment.
- Clients are screened for symptoms of COVID-19 by staff when booking appointments. Clients are not permitted to bring guests, including children, unless they also have an appointment.
- Records of staff and client contact information (e.g. full name, telephone/email), including date and time at premises, are maintained on-site for contact tracing purposes, should the need arise.
- There is enough time between appointments to ensure thorough cleaning and disinfection of equipment and workstations between clients.

E. Workstations

- Workstations and equipment in use must be two metres/six feet apart or equipped with barriers/dividers that are adequate in height to ensure the protection between clients and staff.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (ABHR) with a minimum of 70% alcohol concentration is available at each workstation, and staff and clients are encouraged to use it frequently.
- Magazines, tattoo/piercing books, brochures, decor and other unnecessary items are removed.
- Workstations have their own products and tools and are not shared between staff.

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F. Providing Services

- A mask/face covering is used by staff and clients at all times, even when physical distancing and barriers/dividers are used.
- Staff should wear a surgical/procedural mask/ and appropriate eye protection such as face shield/goggles when providing a service.
- Premises has disposable masks available to provide to clients when needed.
- Face-to-face contact with clients is limited as much as possible. Services on the face are not permitted.
- Clients are not permitted to handle stencils, ink or jewellery. A two metre/six-foot distance or a barrier/divider should be used when viewing items.

Gloves must be changed as often as necessary and must be discarded immediately after use. Hand hygiene must be performed before and after gloves are put on/taken off. Gloves must be changed when moving to a different task, after every client, or more often if necessary.

H. Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection

- Work surfaces and equipment are thoroughly cleaned with soap and water before disinfection.
- Surface and equipment disinfectants are used after cleaning, and according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Cleaning/disinfection wipes are only used for surfaces and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Barriers and dividers must be protective and stable enough to be easily cleaned and disinfected.
- Disposable covers are discarded immediately after use. Chairs, head, armrests, squeeze bottles, are cleaned and disinfected between clients.

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- ❑ Frequent and thorough daily environmental cleaning and disinfection is maintained. This includes high touch surfaces such as phones, computers, pens, cash register, credit card machine and door handles.
- ❑ Washroom surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day or as often as necessary.

More information

Operators who need support finding personal protective equipment can contact the provincial government for further information at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/how-your-organization-can-help-fight-coronavirus> or 1-888-777-0554.

For more information, visit our website at www.swpublichealth.ca, call us at 1-800-922-0096 or email us at environmentalhealth@swpublichealth.ca.

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