



# GUIDANCE FOR BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS

*Pursuant to EO 2020-34 Building on COVID-19 Successes*

*Resuming additional business operations for barbers, cosmetologists and dine-in restaurants*

**Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, under all circumstances, the following precautions should be followed by people utilizing barber and cosmetology services. To the extent possible, these providers should take measures to ensure that customers may follow these guidelines:**

- Stay home if sick.
- Protect yourself while visiting salons, spas, and barbershops:
  - Stay at least 6 feet away from other patrons.
  - If you are at higher risk for severe illness, you should avoid visiting barbers and cosmetologists. People at higher risk for severe illness include adults 65 or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions.
  - Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.
  - If possible, use touchless payment (pay without touching money, a card, or a keypad). If you must handle money, a card, or use a keypad, use hand sanitizer immediately after.
  - After leaving your appointment, use hand sanitizer. When you get home, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

**FOR BUSINESSES - The Department of Health Services recommends the following additional steps be taken by barbers and cosmetologists:**

- Maintain physical distancing, to the extent possible.
- Provide and require employees to wear masks when possible.
- For salon treatments that require touching someone's face, provide and require employees to wear gloves when possible.
- Provide access to soap and water for handwashing or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer at stations around the store, salon or spa for use by employees and clients. Require employees to wash hands immediately before and after providing client service.
- For treatments/appointments that don't require touching the client's face, clients should be encouraged to wear masks for their protection.
- Operate with reduced occupancy and capacity based on the size of the business location with special attention to limiting areas where customers and employees can congregate.
- Wipe any pens, counters, or hard surfaces between use or customer.
- Implement comprehensive sanitation protocols.
- Implement symptom screening for employees prior to the start of their shift.
- Consider offering cloth face coverings to employees and visitors to wear.
- Consider operating by appointment-only to manage occupancy levels.
- Arrange waiting areas, service areas, and break rooms to provide for appropriate physical distancing and sanitize areas regularly between use.
- Consider posting signs advising customers and employees of expectations and guidance.
- Consider not charging late/cancellation fees if someone cannot make their appointment due to illness.
- Train all employees in the above safety actions.

*\*\*Note that guidance continues to be updated and those complying with the guidance are encouraged to visit the websites provided frequently to ensure they are complying with the most up-to-date guidance.*

**Websites for additional public health guidance:**