



BODY ART FACILITIES | Summary of Best Practices During the COVID-19 Pandemic

BE HEALTHY, BE CLEAN



- Train employees and practitioners (staff) on the social/physical distancing and sanitation protocol.
- Ensure sick staff do not enter facility and follow the CDC guidelines and/or consult a doctor.
- Screen staff for signs of COVID-19 symptoms before each shift.



- In addition to regular handwashing protocol, remind staff to also wash hands after touching surfaces. This includes the use of soap and warm water and rubbing for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Provide at least a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer for customers and staff use.



- Establish client self-certification that they are free of signs of illness.
- Provide stocked handwashing/sanitizing station for customers.
- Practitioners wear disposable masks. Consider wearing face shields as added protection.
- Require clients to wear face masks or coverings during procedures.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT



- Train staff on new procedures including those for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Maintain cleaning supplies and use EPA-registered disinfectants effective against SARS-COV-2 and HBV.
- Keep facility as well ventilated as possible for increased exchange of outside air.



- Assign staff to disinfect high-touch surfaces frequently (i.e., counters, door knobs, bathrooms, customer and procedure chairs/tables).
- Continue to clean and disinfect workstations and equipment between **each** client.
- Do not use cell phones during procedures.



- Use touch-free payment systems or sanitize POS systems after each customer.
- Ensure hand sanitizer and gloves are available for staff and clients to use.
- Both staff and clients must wear masks. Ensure these masks completely cover the nose and mouth to use during each procedure.

SOCIAL DISTANCE



- Educate staff and customers on the importance of social distancing via signs at entrances.
- Consider placing tape or other markings 6 feet apart where lines might form such as the restroom.
- Limit people inside to staff and clients.



- Limit the number of clients so there is at least a 6-foot physical separation between workstations during each procedure.
- Recommend procedures are conducted by appointment only, with no walk-in customers.



- Encourage clients to wait in their cars until their practitioner is ready to perform the procedure.
- As much as practical, staff are to maintain at least six feet distance from customers and from each other.
- Leverage technology to conduct consultations remotely rather than in-person.

GENERAL BODY ART SAFETY



- Follow CA Safe Body Art Act practices and procedures.
- Update and follow Infection Prevention Control Plan (IPCP).
- Provide stocked handwashing sinks with soap and paper towels.
- Assure facility has hot water.
- Clean and sanitize equipment and restrooms frequently.



- Assure practitioners are trained and registered with the County.
- Assure that procedure areas have sharps waste containers.
- Assure sharps waste containers meet requirements and are properly handled and disposed.
- Use only clean and sterilized instruments.



- Gloves are used and changed between each procedure and as often as necessary.
- Sterilize jewelry prior to piercing.
- Prohibit tattooing or piercing genitalia, lips, or nose during pandemic.
- Follow State requirements for sanitization and single use equipment.