Reopening Guidance: Hair & Nail Salons and Barbershops

- May reopen for appointments only
- Must adhere to strict sanitation and disinfecting protocols and social distancing guidelines
- Employees should wear masks at all times. Clients should wear face masks to the extent possible while receiving services and/or should be supplied with a clean towel to hold over their mouth and nose.

Sanitation & Disinfecting Guidelines

- Use disinfectants and sanitation products approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering or EPA-registered and labeled as bactericidal, viricidal and fungicidal for tools and implements used in hair salons, barbershops and nail salons.
- Clean tools and implements regularly with soap and water before disinfecting them. After cleaning, disinfect tools and implements per guidelines approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.
- Replace disinfectants regularly.
- Regularly clean and sanitize surfaces that customers come into contact with such as chairs, door knobs, point of sale equipment, handles, shampoo bowls, etc.
- Launder all towels, capes and linens after each use or disinfect non-porous surfaces.
- Hand/foot nail drying tables should be cleaned after each customer.
- Manicure and pedicure tools, including bowls, should be cleaned and disinfected before each customer and in accordance with any normal procedures from licensing boards.

Recommended Guidelines for Temperature Checks & Employer Policies

Hair and nail salons and barbershops should consider use of a touchless infrared thermometer to check the temperature of employees each day. Employees with a temperature above 100.4°F are recommended to be sent home until they have no fever and no evidence of COVID-19 symptoms. The employee conducting temperature checks should be wearing a mask. Employers should consider implementing flexible sick leave and supportive policies and practices for employees and consider needs of employees older than 65 years or in other vulnerable populations.
Social Distancing Guidelines

Hair Salons, barbershops and nail salons are personal contact businesses. Remaining six feet apart as in other businesses is not possible in these establishments. However, there are guidelines that can be utilized allowing these businesses to operate while also minimizing risk from COVID-19.

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water.
- Consider using hand lotions to keep skin intact from frequent hand washing.
- Consider providing hand sanitizer to customers.
- Stagger appointments to minimize the number of customers in the store.

Treatment rooms

- Clean and disinfect all surfaces such as, chairs, tables, electrical appliances (don’t forget the cords).
- Clean and disinfect all linens and store in a closed container/cabinet.
- Clean and disinfect all hampers that hold soiled linens and be sure to use one that can be lined and closed.
- Remove and discard any products that could have been contaminated by improper unsanitary use. Replace with new product.
- Clean and disinfect all devices after each customer’s use.
- Empty all wax pots and disinfect before refilling them with new wax.

Reception area

- Remove all unnecessary items such as magazines, newspapers, service menus, any other unnecessary paper products and decor. Remove public water or coffee stations, candy dishes, product samples, etc.
- Wipe down all seats and tables. Cloth chairs cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected, using a plastic cover should be considered.
- Disinfection of high touch areas including, but not limited to: Door handles, restrooms reception desk, point of sale equipment, stations (including foot/nail drying stations), displays and display product
- Avoid client touching products that they do not plan to purchase
- Employees should frequently wash their hands after the using the phones, computer, cash register and/or credit card machine. Wipe these surfaces between each use.
- Clean and wipe all door handles and other surfaces that are regularly touched by clients and staff with disinfectant wipes.
- Make hand sanitizer and tissues available for employees and clients

Please check with your local municipality for additional guidance or requirements for reopening.