



Body Art Facility COVID-19 Guidance

For Body Art facilities to safely reopen, maintain social distancing and implement operational best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic, maintain compliance with the CA Health and Safety Code, and utilize the following guidance:

Disinfection Plan and Oversight

- Complete and post the Shasta County [Safe Reopening Plan \(Plan\)](#). In the Plan, describe how the measures in this guidance document will be met.
- Designate a person to be responsible for evaluating and implementing the measures in the Plan and in this guidance document. Identify who will ensure that the measures are being followed.
- Ensure that the [EPA registered disinfectant](#) in use is effective against SARS-CoV-2.
- Ensure breakrooms, restrooms, and other common areas are being disinfected frequently or after each use.
- Develop a cleaning and disinfection schedule and designate an employee to implement it.

Education

- Post signage at each public entrance of the facility to inform employees and customers that they are not to enter the facility if they, or a family member, are sick or have COVID-19 like symptoms such as: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, etc.
- Post signage to notify customers that face coverings are required because social/physical distancing is not possible.
- Train employees, including practitioners, on social/physical distancing and new sanitation measures and provide a copy of the completed Plan to each employee.
- Notify employees not to share food or beverages and advise employees to avoid handshakes and similar physical contact-type greetings.

Employee and Customer Health

- Ensure employees have been told not to come to work if sick.
- Conduct thermal or temperature scans of employees.
- Conduct a health survey with each employee prior to the beginning of each shift that asks:
 - Are you ill or have you experienced symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within in the past 7 days?
 - Do you have a household/family member that has or had a fever or COVID-19 symptoms within the past 7 days?
 - Have you had close contact with someone who is known to have COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
- Employees with COVID-19 like symptoms are not allowed to work and encouraged to contact their medical provider or 2-1-1.
- Establish a customer self-certification checklist that certifies they are free of COVID-19 related symptoms before having a procedure performed. Consider also asking the customer to take their temperature prior to the procedure to ensure they do not have a fever.
- Face coverings must be worn by all employees that interact with the public and when unable to social distance with other employees. Both practitioners and customers must wear masks or face coverings because social distancing of six feet is not feasible during each procedure.
- Practitioners must always wear face coverings. During procedures, workers should also consider wearing a face shield for eye protection (with a face covering), if available.
- Employees, including practitioners, must frequently wash their hands with soap and warm water.
- Provide hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) for use by employees and customers, in addition to hand washing.
- Disposable gloves are required throughout the tattooing or piercing service and while performing cleaning and disinfection of all implements and surfaces after each customer session.

Guidelines for Safe Body Art During COVID-19 continued

Social Distancing

- Limit people inside facility to employees, practitioners, and customers.
- Limit the number of customers so there is at least a 6-foot physical separation between workstations during each procedure. Schedule appointments with enough time in between each client to fully disinfect all contact surfaces in the procedure area, restroom, and common areas like lobby.
- Encourage customers to wait in their cars until their practitioner is ready to perform the procedure, rather than waiting inside the facility.
- If applicable, place tape or other markings at least six feet apart in customer waiting areas with signs directing customers to use the markings to maintain social distancing.
- Provide a physical barrier (non-absorbent walls, large plexiglass installations, etc.) between workstations to provide protection when 6 feet social distancing is not possible.
- Leverage technology such as video conferencing to conduct consultations virtually, rather than in person.

General

- Avoid piercing or tattooing of the nose or lips until COVID-19 precautions are no longer required.
- Keep the facility well ventilated for increased exchange of outside air and/or use [CDC recommended air filtration](#).
- Provide contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, disinfect payment systems regularly.
- Prohibit talking on cell phones while procedures are being conducted.
- Conduct procedures by appointment only.
- Place tape or other markings 6 feet apart where lines might form, such as for the restroom.

Resources

For additional information about COVID-19, visit:
[ShastaReady.org](https://www.shastaready.org)