



Public Health Emergency Response

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To: Licensed body art establishments in Missoula County

From: MCCHD Licensed Establishment Team

**Recommendations to minimize the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in
body art establishments**

NOTE: The following information is based on the most recent information from our state and federal public health partners. As more information becomes available, or if the situation in Missoula changes, we will send updates to this announcement.

Many of your established procedures will provide protection from the spread of COVID-19. However, we do recommend some additional measures to minimize community and staff impact, particularly in your customer or shared public areas.

You must also recognize that your profession does not allow for proper social distancing of six feet or more between you and your clients, which means that you are putting yourself and your clients at increased risk for COVID-19. While we are not closing establishments such as yours, recognize that you play a part in public health, and that as things evolve, we may expand on our recommendations.

- **Exclude artists, staff, or clients** with fever, coughing, and difficulty breathing. Restriction may not be enough.
- **Tell any clients with any symptoms of illness, especially fever of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$, coughing, shortness of breath, to cancel appointments.** Tell healthy clients not to bring others with them, or if necessary, no one who's exhibiting illness, and as few as possible.
- **Space-out client appointments, so they aren't congregating in waiting areas,** or have clients wait in vehicles, and message them when you're ready for them to enter.
- **Ensure that staff wash their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water** for 20 seconds upon first arriving to work, after toileting, before and after eating, cleaning surfaces, between dirty and clean equipment or gloving, before handling clean laundry or packaged equipment, after handling dirty laundry, after handling paperwork, and whenever else they may be dirty. Encourage extra hand washing from those who interface with the public like front desk staff.

- **Remind staff not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- **If you choose to provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers**, ensure they are 60% alcohol. Do not make your own solution. Do not use hand sanitizer as a substitute for hand washing.
- **Frequently disinfect common-touch surfaces like tables, door handles, portfolios, faucet handles, counters, remotes, electronics, HVAC controls, sterilization/autoclave equipment, bulk and working chemical containers, elevator controls, stairwell railings, ink bottles, any point of sale units. Increase disinfection of restrooms. For disinfection, use:**
 - The CDC recommended 1/3 cup of unscented chlorine bleach to one gallon of water, or
 - An EPA-registered disinfectant that is effective against SARS-like, emerging viruses, or CoV-2 viruses.

Ensure your working spray bottles of disinfectants are refreshed often. **DO NOT MIX DIFFERENT DISINFECTANTS.**

- Check all autoclaved packages to ensure they aren't beyond 6 mos., or resterilize.
- Keep as much distance between you and your client as possible. Have clients keep faces turned away from artist, if possible, during procedures.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19 in body art, reach-out to MCCHD at envhealth@missoulacounty.us, or call 258-4755 to speak with staff.

If you have general questions about COVID-19, please visit the following site: <http://missoula.co/cvirus> or call the 258-INFO line.