



As your local government leaders indicate it is time to return to business operations, here are some suggested guidelines to minimize the risk of transmitting COVID-19 and to add to current safety standards. During all phases, appropriate State, Local, and CDC guidance should be followed.

PHASE 1

For States and Regions that satisfy the gating criteria

- Personnel must be screened prior to each shift for symptoms, before entering the studio. Anyone with symptoms should not be permitted in the body art studio.
- Prior to opening disinfect/sanitize all surfaces that may come in contact with customers and personnel.
- Allow customers by appointment only.
- Maintain traffic control. Only allow personnel and customers in the studio.
- Before the customer enters the studio, ask screening questions and take their temperature.
- Personnel in the studio must wear masks. Artists should also change masks between customers.
- Customers must wear a mask while in the studio.
- Follow CDC recommendations for disinfection, hygiene, air filtration, and social distancing.
- Toilet areas should be disinfected/sanitized regularly.
- Customers should perform proper hand hygiene before and after handling any papers, documents, pens, surfaces, keyboards, or devices.

- Prior to closing for the day, disinfect/sanitize all cleanable surfaces that may have come in contact with customers and personnel.
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- Customers should perform proper hand hygiene before and after handling any papers, documents, pens, surfaces, keyboards, or devices.
- Shop owners should have written protocols visible for customers to read and follow.

PHASE 2

For States and Regions with no evidence of a rebound and that satisfy the gating criteria a second time

- Personnel must be screened prior to each shift for symptoms, before entering the studio. Anyone with symptoms should not be permitted in the body art studio.
- Prior to opening disinfect/sanitize all surfaces that may come in contact with customers and personnel.
- Customers and non-customers, including legal guardian and witness, are allowed into the body art studio. Maintain social distancing.
- Before anyone enters the studio, ask screening questions and take their temperature.
- Personnel in the studio must wear masks. Artists should also change masks between customers.
- Customers and non-customers should wear a mask while in the studio.

PHASE 3

For States and Regions with no evidence of a rebound and that satisfy the gating criteria a third time

- Prior to opening disinfect/sanitize all surfaces that may come in contact with customers and personnel.
- Walk-in customers welcome.
- Before anyone enters the studio, ask screening questions and take their temperature.
- Masks are optional but encouraged.
- Normal shop capacity.
- Follow CDC recommendations for disinfection, hygiene, air filtration, and social distancing.
- Toilet areas should be disinfected/sanitized regularly.



For more information please visit:
APT (Alliance Of Professional Tattooists)
APP (Association of Professional Piercers)
NEHA (National Environmental Health Association)
AFDO (Association of Food and Drug Officials)
SPCP (Society Of Permanent Cosmetic Professionals)

Gating criteria can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/php/CDC-Activities-Initiatives-for-COVID-19-Response.pdf>

Phase 2 guidelines should be continued until local health authorities determine that the level of community infection no longer warrants these extra precautions. Exercising control of hygiene at a higher level should become part of routine practice. Good hygiene practices will help to maintain customer safety and confidence that infection controls are a priority for the studio.