

SAFE BODY ART PROCEDURES FOR OPERATION IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT

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BODY ART EDUCATION ALLIANCE

The Body Art Education Alliance (BAEA) supports the current guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for preventing the spread of infection related to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

The BAEA consists of the following organizations:

- Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)
- National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
- Association of Professional Piercers (APP)
- Alliance of Professional Tattooists (APT)
- Society of Permanent Cosmetics Professionals (SPCP)

Body Art Studios across the nation are resuming business. To accompany the standard safe practices of the body art industries, here are some recommendations from the BAEA to enhance safety while operating in a COVID-19 environment.

HERE ARE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BODY ART PRACTITIONERS:

- Traffic Control
Whenever possible, avoid allowing extra people in the studio other than personnel and customer(s).
- Customer(s) and personnel should wear face masks that cover the mouth and nose.
- Appropriate hand hygiene for customer(s) and personnel is critical.
- Ask screening questions and take the temperature of customer(s) and personnel.
Current CDC suggested questions can be found here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/screening/paper-version.pdf>
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces with an appropriate tuberculocidal disinfectant in accordance with CDC and EPA guidelines.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/office-buildings.html>
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-coronavirus-covid-19>
- When not performing services, personnel and customer(s) should practice social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
- For body art procedures requiring removal of the customer's mask, it is recommended that the artist wear a mask and a face shield.
- Follow the CDC's Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

REFER TO THE BAEA: COVID-19 BACK TO WORK GUIDANCE FOR A SUGGESTED PHASE APPROACH TO OPENING.

DOING OUR PART WILL HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

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