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Directive for Barber Shops, Body Art Establishments, Cosmetology Establishments, Massage Therapy Clinics/Spas, and Medical Spas

The Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Governor, has sole authority over all instances of quarantine, isolation, and restrictions on commerce and travel throughout Arkansas, as necessary and appropriate to control disease in the state of Arkansas as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. §20-7-109--110. Based on available scientific evidence, it is necessary and appropriate to take further action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in Arkansas remain safe.

On March 23, 2020, the Secretary of Health, in conjunction with the Governor, issued a directive that Barber Shops, Body Art Establishments, Body Art Schools, Cosmetology Establishments, Massage Therapy Clinics/Spas, and Medical Spas should close for in-person operations. This document updates the directive to outline the conditions required to safely reopen these entities during Phase 1.

- Providers may resume services, however those services shall be scheduled by appointment with adequate time in between appointments to properly clean and disinfect. Walk-in appointments are prohibited during Phase 1.
- Vulnerable populations (i.e. those persons over the age of 65 or with chronic medical conditions) should consider remaining home during Phase 1.
- Clients shall be pre-screened for potential COVID-related symptoms prior to arrival for the appointment using the following questions:
 - *Have you had a fever of 100.4 F or greater in the last 2 days?*
 - *Do you have a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat or loss of taste or smell?*
 - *Have you had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 within the past 14 days?*

Those answering “yes” to any of the above shall have their services postponed for 14 days.

- Employees/licenseses shall be pre-screened with both the standardized questionnaire and a daily temperature check. Any employee with a temperature of 100.4 F or greater will not be allowed to work.
- Services shall not be performed on clients who show any sign of illness such as fever, cough, or runny nose. Signage shall be posted informing clients about this policy.
- All persons in the salon/shop/clinic are required to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 ft while services are not being rendered. For most entities, occupancy will be limited to no more than 10 persons, including all support staff.
- In smaller facilities, the 6 ft physical distancing condition may require that *fewer* than 10 persons are present at any given time.

- Larger facilities (able to accommodate more than 10 persons while maintaining appropriate physical distancing) shall **operate no more than 30% of their stations** during Phase 1.
- Barbers, stylists, employees shall wear a face covering at all times. A cloth face covering is acceptable for this purpose.
- Clients shall wear masks as services permit. A cloth face covering is acceptable for this purpose. Signage shall be posted informing clients about this policy.
- Waiting area chairs shall be positioned to ensure 6 ft of social distancing. When possible, clients should wait outside of the shop/salon/clinic until called by their stylist/therapist.
- All existing infection control rules remain in effect and will be enforced. Non-porous surfaces shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to use. Porous items shall be discarded after a single use.
- Gloves shall be worn for all services as required by Rule. Licensees are encouraged to wear gloves for all other services when able.
- Handwashing shall be performed before and after each service.
- The Department of Health COVID Infection Control Education module should be viewed prior to reopening.
- Practitioners shall maintain a record of the name, date, and contact information, for each client serviced for a period of one month. This may be accomplished using a sign-in sheet.
- Barbering, cosmetology, body art, and massage schools shall remain closed for in-person instruction during Phase 1. However, practical examinations may occur if they are performed on inanimate objects (i.e. mannequins, artificial skin, etc.) Appropriate physical distancing shall be maintained during testing.