

Beauty Shop Guidance for Long-term Care Facilities

Long-term care (LTC) facilities (includes settings such as Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, Housing With Services) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) share concerns about the psychosocial well-being of residents, and the impact the safety restrictions in place have had on residents. Acknowledging the growing impacts of isolation on residents, and in an effort to improve psychosocial well-being for residents, this guidance is being prepared for facilities to utilize in making decisions about resuming beauty shop services. This guidance does not diminish the responsibility of LTC facilities to safely provide care and services to residents. Although the guidance references beauticians, this guidance also applies to barbers.

Prior to entering the building, the beautician must be actively screened for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 in the same manner as all other health care workers. In certified Nursing Homes, the beautician must be tested consistent with staff testing.

- The beautician must wear a surgical face mask and eye protection.
- The residents must wear a face mask at all times during the hair appointment, unless medically contraindicated.
- No COVID-19-positive residents or symptomatic residents are allowed in the beauty shop.
- Ensure the beauty shop surfaces are disinfected between each resident.
- The residents should wait to enter until the space is cleaned between residents. Residents must maintain 6 feet social distancing and not congregate outside the beauty shop door. More than one resident can be in the shop at a time if they can remain 6 feet apart from other residents.
- There must be hand hygiene supplies available for use before and after contact with the resident. Unless hands are visibly soiled, alcohol-based hand rub is preferred over soap and water.
 - The beautician must perform hand hygiene before and after contact with each resident.
 - The resident must perform hand hygiene upon entry into the beauty shop.

This guidance applies to manicures and pedicures as well.

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Beauty shops must comply with all other requirements from the MN Board of Cosmetology and must be in compliance with requirements from Executive Orders issued by Governor Walz. See [Stay Safe Guidance for Personal Care & Salon Businesses \(staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/personal-care-and-salons.jsp\)](https://staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/personal-care-and-salons.jsp).

Additional resource for review: [MN Board of Cosmetology Salon Leader's Toolkit for COVID-19 \(mn.gov/boards/assets/SalonManagersToolkitForCovid19_v5_tcm21-432899.pdf\)](https://mn.gov/boards/assets/SalonManagersToolkitForCovid19_v5_tcm21-432899.pdf).



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