Beauty Shop Guidance for Long-term Care Facilities

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Long-term care (LTC) facilities, including settings such as nursing homes and assisted living, and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) are concerned about the psychosocial well-being of residents, and the impact COVID-19 safety restrictions have on residents.

In an effort to improve the psychosocial well-being for residents, this guidance can help LTC administrators or managers make 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 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 the requirements for staff testing.
- The beautician must wear a medical grade well-fitting facemask and eye protection.
- Residents living in LTC facilities must wear a well-fitting mask at all times during the appointment, unless medically contraindicated.
- Residents who live in the nursing home or assisted living-type settings should not enter the beauty shop if they are in quarantine.
- The beautician must clean and disinfect all surfaces in the beauty shop before and after each appointment. Residents should wait to enter until the beauty shop is cleaned and disinfected.
- Residents must stay 6 feet apart and should not gather outside the beauty shop door.
- More than one resident can be in the beauty shop if the residents receiving services can maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- The beauty shop must be stocked with supplies for washing or sanitizing hands often. Unless hands are visibly soiled, alcohol-based hand sanitizer is preferred over soap and water.
- The beautician must wash or sanitize their hands before and after contact with each resident.
Residents who live in the nursing home or assisted living housing must wash or sanitize their hands before entering or leaving the beauty shop.

This guidance also applies to manicure and pedicure appointments. Beauty shops must comply with all other requirements from the Minnesota Board of Cosmetology. Beauty shops must comply with the requirements in executive orders and guidance that apply to their businesses. See Stay Safe Guidance for Personal Care & Salon Businesses (staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/personal-care-and-salons.jsp).