



## Suggested Guidelines for Reopening Barbershops and Barber Schools

Licensed barbershops and barber schools should be able to mitigate the threat of communicable disease spread by adjusting their schedules and physical environments to enable CDC social distancing recommendations and by following the infection control procedures required for the practice of barbering by their state law.

### Prepare to Reopen . . . Timeline: from now until reopening allowed

#### Business Operations and Environment

- A. Evaluate the layout
  1. Use every other chair/station or arrange seating at least 6' apart to create separation.
  2. Consider utilizing front and rear doorways to establish a one-way traffic flow through the facility.
- B. Establish new policies and schedules:
  1. Stagger employee/worker schedules to minimize risk of overcrowding/over-scheduling.
  2. Stagger theory/lab/clinic instructional delivery schedules to facilitate smaller groups.
  3. Require appointment scheduling and/or require walk-ins to wait outside.
  4. Alert and train staff about new policies and procedures.
  5. Alert students and clients about new policies and procedures.
  6. Require clients to wait in their cars or outside until called in for a service.
  7. Require clients to wear a mask until seated for service.
  8. Require a freshly laundered or disposable cape be used for each client.
- C. Communicate
  1. Put any new policies and procedures for staff, students, or clients in writing.
  2. Create and post signs/posters advising the public of new policies or procedures, as applicable.
- D. Products and supplies
  1. Order personal protection equipment, primarily masks and client capes.
  2. Maintain a sufficient amount of cleaning and disinfecting products.
  3. Maintain a sufficient number of tools and implements to always have clean items available.
  4. Maintain inventory control of supplies and materials to ensure availability when needed.
- E. Cleaning and Disinfection
  1. Deep clean and disinfect all fixtures, furnishings, equipment, entrance/exit points, etc.
  2. Check and replace used HVAC and hair dryer filters.

### Post-Opening Policies & Procedures . . . Timeline: from reopening until further notice

- A. Require that masks be worn by staff, students, and waiting clients; follow CDC guidelines.
- B. Pre-screen appointment seekers and walk-ins; ask the following questions:
  1. Have you traveled outside our county or state in past 14 days?
  2. Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms ( fever, cough, trouble breathing) in past 14 days?
  3. Recommend a 14-day waiting period to clients answering "yes" to any of the questions.
- C. Request clients to wait in their cars or outside until called in for their service.
- D. Require staff to wash hands with soap & water before and after each client.
- E. Provide hand sanitizer application to each client at check-in or before being seated.
- F. Use a freshly laundered or disposable cape for each client.
- G. Clean and disinfect all implements and tools before and after each use.

### Infection Control Reminders!

- Review Infection Control Practices for Barbering (*Milady's Standard Barbering or Pivot-Point Barbering, Science 102B*)
- Follow manufacturer's directions and contact time requirements for disinfectant use and formulations.
- UV Ray sanitizers do not disinfect items, they only keep cleaned and disinfected items sanitary until use.
- Use soap and water to wash your hands whenever possible; do not rely solely on hand sanitizers.
- Do not use neck brushes! Use a paper towel or tissue to remove residual hair clippings.