

Guidance for Body Art Establishments



Body art facilities throughout Nevada have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As facilities reopen, the Southern Nevada Health District is recommending they take steps to reduce further transmission in our communities. The following information is based on [Nevada Governor's Roadmap to Recovery Industry Guidance](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and public health principles to help facilities open in a safe manner. These guidelines are intended for the initial phase of reopening the economy and are subject to change depending on how the outbreak progresses. The Health District will defer to the guidance issued by the Governor's Office. These guidance documents are subject to change at any time. You can be notified of any updates to these guidelines by providing your e-mail address at www.snhd.info/reopen.

Take steps to reduce transmission among employees

- ☐ Contact employees to determine a schedule for preparing your business for operation. The Health District's "COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire for Employees" may be used to screen employees by phone. Employees who answered yes to any of the questions should not be allowed to work until symptoms are resolved and the CDC's guidelines on "[What to Do if You Are Sick](#)" are followed. Keep a record of employee screening using the Health District's [Employee Illness Log](#).
- ☐ Employees who have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath should not be allowed to work until symptoms have resolved and they meet the criteria provided in the CDC's guidelines on "[What to Do if You Are Sick](#)." Information about when they can return to work can be found as well.
- ☐ Consider offering paid sick leave to all employees who need to stay home when sick with COVID-19 symptoms.

Educate employees on how they can reduce the spread of COVID-19

- ☐ Employees can take steps to protect themselves. Refer to CDC's "[How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)" for tips.
- ☐ Clean and disinfect high-touch objects and surfaces following the CDC recommendations "[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)."
- ☐ Employees should avoid using other employees' equipment. If shared equipment is necessary, the surfaces of the equipment should be cleaned and disinfected as recommended in "[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)" between uses.
- ☐ Check the expiration dates of single-use or autoclaved equipment. Properly dispose of any single-use equipment that is past its expiration date. Adequately reprocess any reusable equipment that needs to be autoclaved.

Take steps to maintain healthy business operations and work environment

- ☐ Consider scheduling appointments so that people do not congregate at your facility. Only people consulting with an artist or are having work done should be in the establishment.
- ☐ Verify equipment is ready for operation and working properly.
- ☐ Check to make sure that the hot water system is working and providing water that is at least 120°F.

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- ☐ Support education on coughing and sneezing etiquette along with frequent hand washing for employees and customers.
- ☐ Provide tissue and no-touch disposal receptacles.
- ☐ Provide hand sanitizer stations.
- ☐ Both artists and customers must use a face covering. The CDC has information on how to "[Use Face Coverings to Slow the Spread of COVID](#)."
- ☐ Place educational posters that encourage hand hygiene and other control measures.
- ☐ Discourage handshaking and other contact greetings.
- ☐ Prior to reopening, cleaning with soap and water to remove soil accumulation will work for most surfaces.
- ☐ After opening, routinely clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces using a disinfectant that is on the [EPA List N](#). Apply the disinfectant following the directions on the label.
- ☐ Disinfect or wash furniture between each customer.
- ☐ Perform enhanced cleaning and disinfection after persons suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 have been in the facility using the CDC "[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)" guidelines. All areas where the ill person worked or visited need to be cleaned and disinfected.

Take steps for your customer and clients

- ☐ Screen your customers with guiding questions about any symptoms. An example of a question is, "Do you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath." Here is an example of a questionnaire: "[COVID-19 Employee Screening Questionnaire](#)."
- ☐ Customers who answer "yes" to any of these questions should be asked to visit your business another time and to seek medical care.
- ☐ Consider screening customers for fever using a non-contact thermometer. Customers with a temperature of 100.4°F should be asked to visit your business another time and to seek medical care if needed.
- ☐ Revisit what type of services you will offer customers.
- ☐ Require appointments. No walk-ins are permitted.
- ☐ Consider a soft open that would allow you to start with basic service and increase to full operation over a period of weeks.

Take steps to prevent other diseases

- ☐ Flush each of the hot and cold water fixtures for five minutes prior to reopening your facility to replace the stale water in the facility's plumbing with a fresh and safe supply from your water purveyor.

Body Art Cards

- ☐ Renewal of Body Art Cards has been suspended until further notice. Any card that expired since the program closed in March 2020 will be considered valid until December 31, 2020. Artists with expired cards can be allowed to work. No additional late fees will be applied for renewing expired cards through December 31.

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Apprentice Time

- ☐ Testing for the body art card program has been suspended until further notice. New apprentices can start the application by completing and submitting an “[Employment/Independent Contractor Verification](#)” form to bodyart@snhd.org. Health District staff will review the form and return complete forms with a date received stamp to the apprentice. These new apprentices will be required to keep the stamped form on them as evidence of application. When testing for the body art program resumes, applicants will be notified by e-mail and be given a deadline to complete the process..
- ☐ If you have an apprentice, their six months training will be extended by 60 days.
- ☐ If you completed your apprenticeship before the body art program resumes issuing new cards, you can continue to practice. When the program resumes issuing cards, you can then obtain your body art card. Any expired apprentice card will be considered valid until December 31, 2020.

If you have any questions on this guidance document, please contact bodyart@snhd.org.