



Yavapai County Community Health Services

Our Mission: "Yavapai County Community Health Services will provide leadership, information, and services that contribute to improving the health and well-being of Yavapai County residents."



Salons and Barbershops Guidelines and Best Practices for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19

Managers and Staff should implement the following to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Frequently wash hands with soap and warm water, for **at least 20 seconds**, under the following circumstances:
 - After you have been in a public place
 - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - Before touching your face
 - After going to the bathroom
 - Anytime your hands become contaminated

NOTE: Your best DEFENSE for COVID-19 is proper hand washing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Coat all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Hand sanitizer should be made available for use at ALL entrances and exit points.
- **Disinfect surfaces with 1/3 Cup Chlorine Bleach per gallon of water** or switch to disinfectant products that have been pre-approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against emerging viral pathogens. Disinfectants should be applied during routine cleaning of surfaces that are frequently touched or after customers use, such as: salon/barber chairs, door handles, public spaces, in restrooms, items for sale within reach of customers, etc. The current list of disinfectants with EPA pre-approval is available at <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
- **Train ALL staff to use the disinfectants safely and correctly.** Staff should wear gloves when cleaning. Many of these cleaning products need to remain on hard surfaces for several minutes in order to work. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use to get the most virus killing protection.
- **Implement symptom checks** for employees and clients and prohibit sick individuals from entering the work place. The most common signs and symptoms of coronavirus infection are fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms typically occur 1-14 days after exposure, though a small proportion of people who are infected don't have symptoms.
 - **Temperature checks:** Salons and barber shops should consider the use of a touchless thermometer to check the temperatures of staff and clients prior to entering the business. Anyone with a temperature above 99* should not be allowed to enter the shop.
 - Screening question examples for staff and clients include:
 - Have you had a cough?
 - Have you had a fever?
 - Have you been around anyone with coronavirus symptoms in the last 14 days?
 - Are you living with anyone who is sick or quarantined?
 - Employees who are sick will be expected to stay home
- Personal Protective Gear:
 - Face masks: **Consider wearing cloth face coverings** if it can be safely managed, in public settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Salons and shops should consider asking clients to wear masks as well.
 - Capes: Each client should be covered with a clean cape. The capes should not be used for multiple clients until laundered. **Consider using disposable capes** and dispose of them after it's single use.

- Smocks: Each employee should be wearing a clean smock. The smocks should not be worn while providing services for multiple clients until laundered. **Consider using disposable smocks** and dispose of them after it's single use.
- Gloves: **Consider having staff wear single use gloves** when providing service to clients.
- **Consider the use of face shields** to employees or clients when providing shampoo services
 - Consider asking clients to wash their hair at home prior to the appointment
- Practice social distancing recommendations:
 - Salons and barber shops should **maintain half occupancy** load and practice the 6-foot social distancing recommendation.
 - **Have staff stagger their work hours** by alternating work days or scheduled times to reduce the total number of employees in the building.
 - **Have clients wait in their vehicles** until the salon or shop is ready for that client.
 - Only allow employees and clients with appointments into the salon. Consider going to online or phone only scheduling and not taking walk-in appointments.
 - Consider limiting the payment options to credit/debit cards and avoiding cash payments
- Work Stations:
 - **Clean and disinfect all work area surfaces**, including but not limited to chairs, head rests, and arm rests.
 - Please note, the use of harsh disinfectants may damage certain materials like leather. Consider using a plastic chair cover.
 - **Consider barriers** between work stations
 - Consider wrapping shampoo bowls in plastic and discard between single uses
 - Store disinfected reusable tools in airtight containers
 - **Clean and disinfect any tool or appliance** used when servicing clients
 - Remove any unnecessary items from the work stations and store necessary items in airtight containers
- Waiting Areas/Common Areas/Frequently Used Surfaces:
 - Disinfect any products displayed in the waiting area daily
 - Remove any unnecessary items from the waiting areas, such as magazines, paper products, and decor
 - Clean and disinfect any chairs in the waiting area
 - **Disinfect reception area**
 - Disinfect register, credit card machines, phone receivers after each use
 - Maintain regular housekeeping practices
 - No-touch trash cans
- Stay informed with updated and credible information on the COVID-19 virus and follow the information listed by the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) at <https://www.azdhs.gov>