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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 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.

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.

- The beautician must wear surgical facemask and eye protection.
- The residents must wear facemask at all times during the hair appointment, unless medically contraindicated.
- No COVID-positive residents or symptomatic residents are allowed in the beauty shop.
- Ensure the beauty shop surfaces are disinfected between each resident.
- Only one person at a time can be in the shop. 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.
- 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 the resident.
 - The resident must perform hand hygiene upon entry into the beauty shop.
- If the facility is experiencing an outbreak, the facility should suspend beauty shop services until there are no longer residents in transmission-based precautions.

This guidance applies to manicures and pedicures as well.

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Staff licensed as cosmetologists in the State of Minnesota, who regularly work in the facility in another position and who have had current COVID-19 specific infection control training, can provide cosmetology services following this same guidance.

Beauty shops must comply with all other requirements from the MN Board of Cosmetology: Industry Guidance for Safely Reopening Personal Care Services

(https://mn.gov/deed/assets/personal-care-industry-guidance-acc_tcm1045-432896.pdf) and must be in compliance with requirements from Minnesota's Governor Executive Order 20-63.

Additional resource for review: <u>MN Board of Cosmetology Salon Leader's Toolkit for COVID-19 (https://mn.gov/boards/assets/Salon%20Leaders%20Toolkit%20For%20Covid19_v5_tcm21-432899.pdf)</u>.



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