



COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Based on the “Tattoo Industry Response and Plan to Post-COVID-19 Reopening”

Please accept our policies and procedures outlaying how our industry has responded to operating in post-COVID-19 British Columbia. These enhanced policies and procedures are in addition to our existing standards and practices in accordance with Interior Health and WorkSafe BC. In an effort to streamline these changes, we have divided them into four categories.

SOCIAL DISTANCING PLAN

Notification • Clients will be notified about change of procedures for in-store services by email, phone or social media.

Occupancy • Entry to the studio will be limited to scheduled clients and artists to enforce appropriate physical distancing.

Consultations • Customer consultations will be done virtually/remotely/online to reduce unnecessary visits into the studio. In-person consultations may be scheduled if deemed necessary.

Appointment Spacing • Appointments will be spaced for adherence to recommended physical distancing guidelines, and adequate time will be given between appointments to ensure no client overlap.

Consent Forms • To reduce handling of surfaces in the studio, consent forms may be read online, printed and signed at home, and a photo of the signed form can be sent through email or FB Messenger to the studio. Alternatively, forms may be signed in the studio and clipboards and pens will be sanitized after each use.

No Guests • No guests/friends/family/spectators/pets allowed with client receiving service. In regards to minors or those requiring assistance, an exception will be made allowing one guardian/caregiver.

Traffic Flow • Room dividers and/or markings will be used to direct traffic flow. Please wait for your artist to guide you to the tattoo station. Social distancing areas of potential congestion may also be marked.

Station Placement • There will be a minimum of two metres between all tattoo stations.

Providers on site • Service providers on site will be limited to a minimum.

Non-Contact Greetings • All service providers must avoid shaking hands with clients; instead offer a non-contact greeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

Artist's Health • We will ensure service providers are in good health with no symptoms of Covid-19 and have not travelled by air or out of province for 14 days.

Client's Health • We will ensure clients are in good health with no symptoms of COVID-19 and have not travelled by air or out of province for 14 days, nor live with someone in the same household as a confirmed clinical COVID-19 case who is self-isolating, at the time of booking appointment and prior to entering the studio for said appointment.

Appointment Only • Studios will be open by appointment only, no walk-ins.

Food and Drink • Food and drink are not permitted at work stations.

Consent Forms • Revised consent forms will affirm that there are no symptoms of COVID-19.

Client Contact • Clients are encouraged to contact us if any symptoms of COVID-19 develop within 2 weeks of service.

Cleaning and Disinfecting • Service providers will continue to clean and disinfect all environmental surfaces, multi-touch surfaces and multi-touch devices with appropriate disinfectants before and after daily opening to the public, and after each client interaction.

Barriers • Service providers will continue to utilize disposable barriers for work surfaces, client areas, and for application equipment, including machine and clip-cord bags, drape sheets, dental bibs etc.

Handling • All supplies and other critical items will continue to be handled and stored in a safe way.

Clutter • Clutter in client waiting areas, such as magazines, portfolios and any other regularly handled item, will be removed.

Hand Sanitizing • Clients must wash hands or use sanitizer upon entry to the studio.

No-touch Payment • Clients are encouraged to pay with tap or e-transfer.

Updated Information • Studio Owners are responsible for informing service providers of new developments in information and procedural changes.

Artist Symptoms • Should a service provider develop symptoms at work, we will gather together the names of the clients they've worked with and contact our local department of health. Each employer will have an emergency contact for every service provider in such a case. Service provider should immediately be sent home and should call HealthLink BC.

Appointment Cards • We will encourage appointment confirmations via FB Messenger or e-mail to reduce the need for appointment cards. We will not reuse appointment/business cards.

Signage • We shall post signage such as occupancy limits and effective hygiene practices within the studio.

Ventilation • Ventilation will be increased to exchange inside and outside air by opening doors or adjusting air conditioning.

Artist Consent • All service providers will acknowledge an understanding of and compliance with these additional policies by signing a formal document.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Personal Items • Clients will be provided an opportunity to store personal items away from service areas, in a sanitized storage bin. Clients are to take with them all belongings following completion of service.

Outdoor Signage • Outdoor signage will be posted listing procedures and protocols for clients and the public.

Waiting area • Furniture that's easy to clean will be utilized in waiting area.

Front Desk • Physical distancing will be maintained with the use of barriers and signage.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Masks • Service providers and clients must wear masks when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Clients are encouraged to bring their own mask, or we will provide one.

PPE • Service providers will wear required PPE to protect from potential contamination such as gloves and masks.

Disposal • Service providers will follow appropriate standards for the disposal of PPE.
