This guidance is based on current information known about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the AACO DOH will provide updated guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. Please continue to check the CDC and the AACO DOH websites routinely for updated guidance.

This guidance is intended for Personal service establishments including Barber Shops, Beauty Salons, tattoo parlors, tanning salons, massage parlors and establishments that provide esthetic services in Anne Arundel County based on meeting physical distance, large gatherings and face mask requirements. These requirements will stay in effect until further notice.

**Guidance for Personal Service Establishments During COVID19 Physical Distancing Limitations**

Personal Service Establishments are allowed to operate only under the following circumstances:

**Building Entry and Capacity**
- Services can only be provided by appointment - no walk in services are permitted;
- Both the customer and Personal Service Establishment staff must wear face coverings, in accordance with Executive Order of The Governor No. 20-04-15-01, dated April 15, 2020, except to the extent that a face covering on the customer would make it impossible for services to be performed;
- Screening for COVID-19 symptoms must be provided prior to performing services; patrons with flu-like symptoms should not enter the premise;
- Maximum occupancy will be based on 100 square foot per person. For example, a 2,000 square foot establishment can have twenty (20) people in the salon at one time;

**Physical Distancing**
- Salon chairs and service stations for services must be at least six feet (6’) apart when occupied for services OR a partition should be installed in-between chairs or stations that are less than six feet (6’) apart;
- Customers cannot wait inside the shop. Customers waiting outside the shop must be six feet from any other people waiting. Shop attendant must notify customer when the appointment is ready;
- Customers are not allowed to linger in the establishment. Once services are completed, customers should leave the establishment;

**Air Circulation**
- Blow drying is not recommended since COVID-19 is an airborne virus;
- HVAC systems must be in proper working order and filters must be changed on a regular basis; Doors should not be propped open to allow excessive air circulation;
Cleaning and Disinfecting Practices

- There must be sufficient time in between appointments to allow for proper disinfection;
- Hand sanitizer must be readily available for employees and customers;
- After each customer, the Personal Service Establishment staff must clean and disinfect the area where services were performed. Employees should wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, using an approved disinfectant. Employees must properly wash their hands after each customer;
- At the end of a shift all tools and utensils must be properly disinfected; Multiple tools should be available to be readily used; Consider use of single use disposable equipment when possible.
- Customers are advised to bring individual tissues or handkerchiefs to sneeze or cough into; Disposable tissue boxes should be made available. Encourage appropriate hand hygiene after coughing and sneezing.
- At the end of shifts all towels, gowns, sheets, and aprons should be washed in the warmest water recommended for the fabric;
- When at all possible promote payment by credit/debit card, if paper money must be handled limit hand to hand touch by having the customer place the money on the counter. Anyone touching money should wash their hands after touching it;

Notification and Reporting

- The Establishment must obtain telephone contact information for each customer. If any staff of the Establishment test positive for COVID-19, the Establishment must promptly notify all customers who received services in the 14 day period immediately preceding the date on which the test results are positive; The Establishment should contact the Department of Health so proper contact tracing can be performed limiting more risk to others;
- Each customer and establishment employee should take personal responsibility to protect others from any risk of infection;

Additional Information:

CDC Resources
- What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
- What to do if you are sick with COVID-19
- Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations