



> Helping You Prepare H1N1 Flu Prevention & Control for Salon/Spas

GENERAL CONCEPTS

- Actively monitor employee health. Encourage symptomatic employees to stay home.
- Reinforce hand hygiene and cough etiquette in the salon/spa through education and visual reminders.
- Make disinfectant hand sanitizer and tissues readily available throughout the salon/spa.
- Keep appropriate disinfectant products stocked and accessible.
- Routinely clean surfaces and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact (i.e. doors, stations, phones, registers, computers, etc.).
- All tools, implements, devices or other pieces of equipment should be properly cleaned and disinfected before it comes into direct contact with a client, as required by the licensing rules and regulations of federal/state/local authorities.

STATIONS

- Provide disinfectant hand sanitizer and tissues at each station for clients and employees.
- Increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency. Begin disinfecting those surfaces frequently touched by guests and employees.
- Between clients – remove all visible debris and residue from chairs, stools, tables, etc.
- Spray or wipe with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered hospital grade disinfectant solution. Take special care to ensure that disinfectant is mixed to manufacturers specifications.
- After applying disinfectant solution – make sure surface is undisturbed for the recommended contact time.
- After contact time has expired, wipe dry with disposable towel and dispose of in trash.
- Repeat this process with all customer contact implements such as shears, combs, clippers, etc.

LINENS (Including towels, sheets, wash clothes, and blankets)

- Following each client – used linens should be washed with bleach on the highest temperature setting available.
- All linens should be dried completely (no dampness).
- Store clean linens away from dirty linens.
- If dirty linens are kept in a laundry bag – launder the bag with linens.





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MANICURE & PEDICURE STATIONS

- Just about everything in the salon has a hard or soft surface of some type. Some examples are manicuring tabletops and arm cushions, finger bowls, towels, files/buffers, implements, etc.
- Any of these surfaces coming into direct contact with a client's skin is considered "contaminated". All contaminated surfaces must be thoroughly and properly: 1) cleaned and then 2) disinfected.
- Read and review the following Nail Manufacturers Council (NMC) publications: Guidelines for Cleaning and Disinfecting Manicuring and Enhancement Equipment and Pedicure Equipment Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures. Available for free download at www.probeauty.org/nmc.

RESTROOMS

- Clean restrooms at least twice daily – disinfecting all high-contact surfaces with an EPA approved disinfectant. Take special care to ensure that disinfectant is mixed to manufacturers' specifications and remember the contact time necessary to kill bacteria/viruses.
- Place trash can near restroom door to allow customers to use a paper towel to open door and then dispose of towel.
- Empty restroom trash daily, using gloves.

EMPLOYERS

- Plan now for how business can continue if employees must stay home.
- Designate and cross-train staff to perform essential functions so that business operations can continue.
- Review sick-leave policies and consider making them flexible and consistent with public health recommendations.
- Educate and inform all employees of pandemic status and proper infection prevention and control procedures.
- Share best practices with other businesses in your community.

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