

B A E A : Body Art Education Alliance **COVID-19 BACK TO WORK GUIDANCE**

When your local government leaders indicate it is time to return to business operations, here are some suggested guidelines to minimize the risk of transferring COVID-19 and to add to current safety standards. During all phases, adherence to State and local guidance as well as complementary CDC guidance should be followed.

PHASE 1

For States and Regions that satisfy the gating criteria

- Employees must be screened each shift before entering the facility for symptoms. Anyone with symptoms is immediately excluded.
- Prior to opening disinfect/sanitize all surfaces that may come in contact with customers and employees.
- Only allow customers by appointment only, including legal guardian or witness from the same household, and employees in the establishment. Customers should maintain social distancing.
- Before the client enters the shop, ask questions regarding health.
- Employees in the establishment must wear face covering and artists should change face covering between customers.
- Customers entering the establishment must wear face covering, when practical, until the procedure is complete and the customer has exited the establishment.
- Follow CDC recommendations for disinfection, hygiene, air filtration, and social distancing.
- Toilet areas should be disinfected/sanitized regularly.
- Customers should wash and or/sanitize their hands before and after handling any papers, documents, pens, surfaces, keyboards, or devices.

- Prior to closing for the day disinfect/sanitize all cleanable surfaces that may have come in contact with customers and employees.
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PHASE 2

For States and Regions with no evidence of a rebound and that satisfy the gating criteria a second time

- Employees must be screened each shift before entering the facility for symptoms. Anyone with symptoms is immediately excluded.
- Prior to opening disinfect/sanitize all surfaces that may come in contact with customers and employees.
- Customers and non-customers, including legal guardian and witness, allowed into shop as long as social distancing is maintained.
- Before anyone enters the shop, ask questions regarding health.
- Employees in the establishment must wear face covering and artists should change face covering between customers.
- Customers and non-customers entering the establishment should wear face covering, when practical, until the procedure is complete and they have exited the establishment.

PHASE 3

For State and Regions with no evidence of a rebound and that satisfy the gating criteria a third time

- Prior to opening disinfect/sanitize all surfaces that may come in contact with customers and employees.
- Walk-in customers welcome.
- Before anyone enters the shop, ask questions regarding health.
- Face covering is optional but encouraged.
- Normal shop capacity.
- Follow CDC recommendations for disinfection, hygiene, air filtration, and social distancing.
- Toilet areas should be disinfected/sanitized regularly.

For more information please visit:

- APT** (Alliance Of Professional Tattooists)
- APP** (Association of Professional Piercers)
- NEHA** (National Environmental Health Association)
- AFDO** (Association of Food and Drug Officials)
- SPCP** (Society Of Permanent Cosmetic Professionals)

It is recommended that phase 2 practices be continued to avoid transfer of virus until local health authorities have determined that the level of community infection no longer warrants these extra precautions. Exercising control of hygiene at a higher level should become part of routine practice. Doing so will go far in maintaining customer safety and confidence that infection controls are a priority for the establishment.