

Tattoo Establishments COVID-19 Reopening Questions and Answer Document Created 5/20/2020

Beginning at 5:00a.m. on May 15, 2020, tattoo establishments that were previously ordered closed may reopen, but only to the extent that the establishments take reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment to ensure social distancing of employees and clients, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with the guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Establishments must abide by such reasonable measures until 11:59p.m. on July 25, 2020, unless the Governor extends the Proclamation beyond that date. Below is a list of frequently asked questions we have received regarding the proclamation restrictions.

Are face shields or cloth face masks required for employees, or just recommended?

Face shields are required for employees to use while in close proximity to the client. Since tattoo professionals cannot maintain the 6 foot separation, a face mask should be worn as well. Artists should wear a face shield and face mask, while others like receptionists may not need to.

Are face shields or cloth face masks required for clients, or just recommended?

Due to the prolonged time that the artist and client are in close proximity, it is strongly recommended that clients wear a face mask as well.

Can face masks be reused, or do they need to be replaced between each client?

All PPE including face mask, gloves, and face shields need to be single use and discarded after each client. Any items that are not single use must be properly sterilized through steam or heat sterilization.

What should I do if I can not obtain the required PPE?

If the required PPE (Gloves, Face Masks, Face Shields, Etc.) is not readily available through your normal ordering channels, you should remain closed until you are able to obtain the items you need through your normal ordering channels. Please do not make PPE requests from the county or other stockpile areas.