

Barber Shops and Beauty Salons

REOPENING GUIDANCE – May 29, 2020

This guidance is based on current information known about the COVID-19. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Anne Arundel County Department of Health (AACDOH) will provide updated guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. Please continue to check the [CDC website](#) and the AACDOH website aahealth.org/covid19 routinely for updated guidance.

This guidance is intended for barber shops and beauty salons in Anne Arundel County to meet social distance, large gatherings and face mask requirements. These requirements will stay in effect until further notice.

PROTECTING YOU, YOUR STAFF AND YOUR PATRONS

- Services can only be provided by appointment. No walk-in services are provided.
- Customers cannot wait inside the shop. If they wait outside the shop, they must remain six feet from one another. The shop attendant will send a text when an appointment is ready.
- Suggest customers bring their individual towel to sneeze into in case of the need to sneeze.
- Screening for COVID-19 symptoms must be provided prior to performing services. Sick patrons should not enter the premises.
- Salon chairs for services must be at least six feet apart when occupied OR a partition should be installed in between chairs that are less than six feet apart.
- Maximum occupancy will be based on 100 square feet per person (e.g., a 2,000 square foot salon can have up to 20 people in the salon at one time).
- Since COVID-19 is airborne, consider eliminating blow drying at this time.
- Ensure HVAC systems are in proper working order and filters are changed on a regular basis. Doors should not be propped open to allow excessive air circulation.
- Both customer and barber/salon staff must wear face coverings, in accordance with the Executive Order of the Governor No. 20-04-15-01, dated April 15, 2020, except when a customer's face covering would make it impossible for services to be performed.
- Allow sufficient time in between appointments for proper disinfection.
- After each customer, the barber/salon must clean and disinfect the area where services were performed. Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Use of an approved disinfectant is required. Properly wash hands after each customer.
- At the end of a shift, all tools and utensils must be properly disinfected. Have multiple combs and tools readily available.
- At the end of shifts, all towels, gowns 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. Always wash hands after touching money.
- Customers are not allowed to linger in the salon. Once services are completed, have customers leave.
- The barber/salon must obtain telephone contact information for each customer. If any staff tests positive for COVID-19, promptly notify all customers who received services in the immediately preceding 14-day period. On the date positive test results are received, contact the Department of Health so proper contact tracing can be performed limiting more risk to others.
- Have hand sanitizer readily available for employees and customers.
- It is each customer and salon employee's personal responsibility to protect others from any risk of infection.

**COVID-19 Health Line – 410-222-7256
or email covid19info@aacounty.org**

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](#)
- [Reopening Guidance for Public Spaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes](#)