

NEVADA STATE BARBERS' HEALTH AND SANITATION BOARD

COVID-19 GUIDELINES – May 7, 2020

BACK TO WORK PLAN

Given the COVID -19 Pandemic, the Nevada State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board has prepared a Back to Work Plan. By following this plan and guidelines, we feel that it should keep everyone as safe as possible and everyone should feel more comfortable now that we can open on **Saturday May 9, 2020**.

The Board has taken advice from our National Barber Boards of America Association, and many colleagues throughout the country.

As of today May 7, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak announced that Barber Shops could reopen on Saturday May 9, 2020 at 12:01 AM.

This is extremely important that **EVERYONE MUST** follow these guidelines. It is up to the shop owners to make sure that everyone of your barbers are following these guidelines. Sanitation and Disinfecting are nothing new to our profession but we can not stress enough how important that this is. It is not only for the protection of the public, but the protection of yourself! You do not want to take COVID-19 home to your family and loved one. If these practices are not Strictly Followed, there will be citations issued.

Once again we can not stress enough the importance of these Guidelines.

Stay Safe and Healthy.

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THE DATE OF RETURN WILL BE DETERMINED BY GOVERNOR STEVE SISOLAK. AND THE GUIDELINES HE SETS **MUST** BE FOLLOWED.

PREPARE TO REOPEN - Shops/Barber Schools

1. Evaluate the layout of the Barber Shop or Barber School
 - a. Use every other chair/station or arrange seating at least 6 feet apart to create separation.
2. Establish new policies and schedule:
 - a. Stagger employee's schedule to minimize the risk of overcrowding.
 - b. Stagger theory/lab/clinic instructional delivery schedules to facilitate smaller groups.
 - c. Require appointment scheduling and/or require walk-ins to wait outside.
 - d. Alert and train staff about new policies and procedures.
 - e. Alert students and clients about new policies and procedures.
 - f. Require barbers to wear a mask, require clients to wear a mask when possible.
 - g. Require a freshly laundered or disposable chair cloth (cape) to be used for each client. Buy either plastic capes which can be disinfected on site or disposable plastic chair cloths.
3. Communication
 - a. Put any new policies and procedures for staff, students or clients in writing.
4. Products and supplies
 - a. Order personal protection equipment, primarily masks and client capes.
 - b. Maintain a sufficient amount of cleaning and disinfecting products.

- c. Maintain a sufficient number of tools and implements to always have clean items available.
- d. Maintain inventory control of supplies and materials to ensure availability when needed.

PRIOR TO RE-OPENING – Barber Shops/Barber Schools

1. Reception Area
 - a. Remove all magazines and non-essential items in the waiting area that cannot be disinfected.
 - b. Clean and disinfect all hard, non-porous surfaces. Anything that is touched must be cleaned and disinfected.
 - c. Keep any products clean and dust free.
 - d. Place a sign in window to notify clients that you are practicing proper infection control.
2. Work Stations
 - a. Clean and disinfect station.
 - b. Clean and disinfect all tools and implements and store in closed cleaned drawer or cabinet.
 - c. Clean and disinfect all electrical implements used in services.
 - d. Clean and disinfect chair and headrest.
 - e. Ensure that single use items are new.
3. Restrooms
 - a. Clean and disinfect everything.
 - b. Remove all products that do not belong in restroom. Do not use the restroom as a storage room.
4. Laundry
 - a. Any linens that were left in the salon prior to closure should be laundered.
 - b. Laundered all linens in HOT water and dry on HIGH HEAT.
 - c. All linens should be stored in a clean cabinet.
5. Sinks
 - a. Clean and disinfect all sinks, including handles, hoses, spray nozzles.

OPENING OF BARBER SHOPS/BARBER SCHOOLS

1. Practical Changes
 - a. Stagger appointments or have clients wait in their car until you are ready for them.

- b. Following the 6' social distancing rule, this will allow for the business to accommodate a maximum 10 people for every 250 sq. feet. You **MUST** practice social distancing of 6 feet except for when a barber is working on a client.
- c. Optional to take clients temperature. Anything over 100.4 you should refuse service.
- d. Before working on a client, you should ask the following question.
 - Have you traveled outside the country or state in the last 14 days?
 - Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, trouble breathing) in the past 14 days?

Recommend a 14-day waiting period to clients answering "yes" to any questions.

- e. If any staff is experiencing any of the above symptoms, they should not be a work for a minimum 14 day period.
- f. For the time being, you should not allow any magazines, candy dishes, coffee pots etc. in the shop/school.
- g. If possible, encourage clients to use Apple Pay or another application that does not touch, you must sanitize between every use.
- h. You **MUST** wash your hands before and after each client. If gloves are worn, they must be discarded after each client.
- i. Have clients wash their hands upon entering shop/school, or use hand sanitizer.
- j. Wear a mask (facial covering) while in the shop/school. Clients should be asked to wear one also when they can.
- k. Sanitize and disinfect all surfaces at the start of the day and every 1-2 hours depending on traffic. (Door handles, counter's, register, phones, etc.)
- l. Sanitize and Disinfect chair after each client.
- m. Clean chair cloth (cape) for each client. May use disposable capes and discard after each client. If cape is able to be disinfected, must rotate capes and disinfect after each client.
- n. Absolutely neck duster may **NOT** be used at this time. Use a paper towel or neck strip to wipe hair off, and dispose of it immediately.
- o. Do not shake hands. There are safer ways to welcome a client in.

2. Disinfectants/ PPE

- a. Disinfectants must be EPA-registered and labeled as bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal.
- b. There is a list of approved disinfectants on the EPA Website:
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- c. The first step to disinfection is sanitizing. The proper way to sanitize is wash with soap and water, chemical cleaners, wipes etc. When you have done that then disinfect with an EPA approved disinfectant. Please follow manufactures directions for proper disinfectants. Most of the immersion or sprays are 10 minute kill time, where wipes are usually 2-4 minutes. Refer to the manufactures directions.

- d. Barbicide should be changed every day or more if becomes contaminated. The correct way to mix it is: ¼ cup or 2 oz. concentrate to 4 cups or 32 oz. water. Implements must stay submerged for a minimum of 10 minutes.

3. Hand Hygiene

- a. Wash hands with soap/water for 20 seconds before/after every client.

4. Tracking COVID-19

- a. In the course of contact with clients, if the Barber should hear about anyone in their shop/school with COVID-19 symptoms, they should contact the Nevada Health Department.

5. Resource

- a. EPA - <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- b. CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- c. Barbicide - <https://barbicide.com/>
- d. Southern Nevada Health District - <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/>
- e. Miladay - _____
- f. PPE Supplier (local in Las Vegas) – _____