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To: All Barbering and Cosmetology Program Licensees

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Re: Aesthetics

Greetings licensees.

We have received reports that some aestheticians are not complying with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) checklists that must be followed prior to opening and ongoing. It has come to our attention that there might be some confusion about whether the checklists apply to aestheticians working in medical offices or “medi-spas.”

All aestheticians must follow the checklist for Close Personal Services no matter the location of their practice. There is no exception for aestheticians located in medical practices or “medi-spas.”

The checklist *requires* clients to wear face coverings while receiving services, including aesthetics and facial hair services. The checklist specially allows a client to wear a taped-on variant of a face covering as an approved option. The client face covering requirement protects you and your employees from risk associated with sustained close physical contact with the face of an unmasked client.

The requirement reads as follows:

Clients must wear a face covering while receiving services. Any treatment or procedure that requires the removal of the client face covering may not be performed at this time. Face coverings can include taped-on variants as long as they are double-thickness fabric (e.g. so that light is not visible through the fabric) and cover both nostrils and the mouth. The covering must be fully adhered at all points along its perimeter with a material similar to skin tape. Masks must be applied prior to entering shared service space.

As a reminder, please be sure to read and follow the General Checklist and the service-specific checklists relevant to your business. These checklists contain important information to ensure the health and safety of you and your clients. The checklists are available at <https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>. We encourage you to visit this site at least weekly to see if there are any relevant updates. Updates are usually posted by the end of business on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

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