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GUIDANCE FOR REOPENING OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS
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The State of Maine has adopted a staged approach, supported by science, public health expertise and industry collaboration, to allow Maine businesses to safely open when the time is right. The plan is available at <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine>

This is one of many industry guidance documents that the State is preparing for businesses so they can be prepared to meet health guidelines and reopen safely. Please make sure you pair this document with the general guidance document that applies to all industries, which is available on <https://www.maine.gov/DECD> and all other relevant statutes, rules and industry specific guidance, including those described below.

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information, resources or guidance become available.

Phase 2: Barbering and Cosmetology Schools

Private schools licensed under the Barbering and Cosmetology Program (“BC Schools”) are encouraged to continue virtual/distance learning for as much of their curriculum as possible, including theory courses.

Beginning June 1, 2020, BC Schools may reopen using a hybrid model, which includes a continuation of virtual distance/learning combined with limited in-person learning and practice education. BC Schools may continue to *teach only the course(s) of study as approved under the School’s license issued by the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Program.*

All existing safety, sanitation and infection control standards established by the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Program are still in effect and enforced. See, Program Rules Chapter 20, 26, and 27, which are available at this link: <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/02/chaps02.htm#041>. In addition, BC Schools must follow the guidance below.

BC Schools considering reopening should also refer to CDC guidance for colleges available at this link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html>

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Cleaning – Prior to Opening and Ongoing

BC Schools should undergo deep cleaning prior to reopening for in-person education. They must continue to maintain strict cleaning and disinfection standards to comply with the following guidance:

- US CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>.
- OSHA Toxic and Hazardous Substances Standards. These standards are applicable to all cleaning staff who should be trained on the hazards of the cleaning chemicals used in the workplace <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.1200>
- DECD COVID19 Prevention Checklist *General Guidance*. <https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>
- DECD COVID19 Prevention Checklist *Industry Guidance*. <https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>
 - Barbershops and Hair Salons
 - Nail Technicians
 - Cosmetologists and Estheticians (*Checklist coming in June*)
 - Any other relevant industry guidance checklists. Note: Refer to the DECD checklist website for updates and practice timelines.

Limited In-Person Education

BC Schools may open to in-person education on June 1, 2020.

Hands-on practice involving students, faculty or clients is not permitted until schools' public facing clinics are open. See page 3 for clinic guidance. BC schools may use mannequins or other inanimate objects for practical learning until the public facing clinic is open.

In-person education at BC Schools must comply with the following requirements:

- Develop a plan to comply with physical distancing guidelines in the facility.
 - The number of individuals that can gather in a shared space must not exceed the limit established by the Governor's Executive Order (EO). Count both staff and students toward the gathering limit. The EO current as of June 1, 2020, Executive Order 55, establishes a gathering limit of up to 50 people.
 - If an indoor space cannot accommodate the maximum gathering limit and at the same time comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement, the occupancy maximum is limited by the 6-foot physical distancing requirements.
 - Consider staggering student schedules to reduce number of students and faculty in facility to ensure physical distancing.
 - Theory and practice lab classrooms must be arranged to allow for 6 feet physical distancing guidelines.
 - Physical distancing must be practiced in all break rooms and communal areas.

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- Students, staff and faculty members must wear facemasks per Executive Order 49 [Executive Order #49, April 29, 2020](#).
- No person displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be permitted in the school
 - Refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FAQ recommendations regarding steps to take in the event of student or staff member displaying COVID-19 symptoms <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools-faq.html>
- Owner, administrator or manager will inform students and faculty of COVID-19 safety precautions.
- BC Schools are responsible for complying with all State of Maine COVID 19 Prevention Checklists including all relevant Industry Guidance Checklists <https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists> such as
 - Barbershops and Hair Salons
 - Nail Technicians
 - Cosmetologists and Estheticians
 - Any other relevant industry guidance checklists. Note: Refer to the DECD checklist website for updates and practice timelines.

Public Facing Clinic

Public facing services, including clinics, may not open until July 1, 2020.

- The BC school is responsible for maintaining physical distancing in the clinic. All physical distancing and safety requirements in DECD General and Industry checklists, and Executive Orders must be followed. <https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>
- Clinic services provided by students must follow the timelines in the Governor's Reopening Plan and all relevant State of Maine COVID 19 Prevention Checklists and timelines.
- BC Schools operating public facing clinics, their faculty, staff and students must follow all guidance for Personal Protective Equipment, Cleaning, Disinfection, Work Area and Reception Area included in the DECD general checklist and industry specific checklists, including the industry checklists listed below, available at this link <https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>
 - Barbershops and Hair Salons
 - Nail Technicians
 - Cosmetologists and Estheticians
 - Any other relevant industry guidance checklists. Note: Refer to the DECD checklist website for updates and practice timelines.
- Clients must wear cloth face coverings, and notice must be posted, pursuant to Governor's [Executive Order #55, May 29, 2020](#)