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To: All Barbering and Cosmetology Program Licensees

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Re: Checklist for **Close Contact Personal Services offered at Spas and other Establishments**

Greetings, we hope you have been safe and healthy during this difficult time.

As we indicated in our memo dated June 12, 2020, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has developed a timeline for reopening for barbering and cosmetology services and checklists that must be followed prior to opening and ongoing. DECD recently posted the checklist for “**Close Contact Personal Services offered at Spas and other Establishments.**” This checklist includes aesthetics. The start date for aesthetics is July 1, 2020.

Please note that the Close Contact Personal Services checklist currently prohibits any services that require removing a client’s face covering. In addition, the Barbering & Cosmetology-Hair services checklist was amended to clarify that services may not be performed that require removing a client’s face covering including facial hair removal or facial treatments. These public safety measures are necessary because there is significant potential risk to employees from sustained close physical contact with the face of an unmasked client. In addition, these services pose a higher risk because they are performed indoors, within enclosed spaces such as treatment rooms, with limited fresh air ventilation for sustained periods of time. This prohibition will be reviewed based on public health metrics.

Please also note that the Barbering & Cosmetology-Hair services checklist was also amended to remove the prohibition on hand relief treatments as well as scalp, neck, and shoulder massages.

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>.

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