To: All Barbering and Cosmetology Program Licensees  
Date: June 12, 2020

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

As you probably know, Governor Mills developed a phased plan to safely restart Maine’s economy following the shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor’s Restarting Plan is available at this link [https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine](https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine)

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. 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](https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists)

It is also essential that you refer to the checklist site weekly to watch for updates on any of the checklists relevant to your business. Updates and new checklists are usually posted on Wednesday afternoons.

For Barbering and Cosmetology licensees, the following is updated information of which we wanted you to be aware:

**Hair services:** DECD has updated the hair services checklist. Please review for additional information.

**Nail technicians:** Nail technicians practicing in rural counties (Aroostook, Piscataquis, Washington, Hancock, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, and Sagadahoc) may open starting today, June 12, 2020. The reopening date for nail technicians in the remaining 3 counties (York, Cumberland and Androscoggin) is likely to be July 1, 2020, but that date depends on public health metrics.

**Skin Care (Aesthetics):** DECD will be posting a checklist within the next few weeks. The expected start date for aesthetics is July 1, 2020, but that date depends on public health metrics.

For further information and to access the checklists and any updates, please click this link [https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists](https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists)

We know this has been a difficult time for you, and for many of our licensees, friends and families. We wish you our best.