

New COVID19 Restrictions for Personal Service Businesses

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE HEALTH PROTECTION UNIT



From June 1, some businesses providing personal care services can reopen.

This includes the following businesses:

- beauty therapy, spray-tanning, waxing and nail salons
- spa and massage services providing relaxation massages as distinct from therapeutic or remedial massage (which have remained open)
- tattoo and piercing services

Up to 20 customers are allowed at one premises at any one time.

Personal service businesses are required to:

- Record every customer's first name and contact phone number.
- Keep records for 28 days of the first name and contact phone number of each visitor who has attended the premises (staff, patrons, maintenance and delivery workers). This is to assist with contact tracing should it be required.
- Display clear signs for clients to read on entry or provide information handouts about how you are going to protect their safety and your own.
- Do not work if you are unwell. Send any sick staff home.
- Do not provide the service to someone who has flu-like symptoms, is feverish, has been in contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 14 days.
- Think about how you can modify your service to reduce the risk. Can you cut down the length and frequency of the service?

Hygiene

- Always use a hand sanitiser before and after providing the service, or wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Businesses may continue routine use of PPE to avoid contact with blood and bodily fluids if previously required or use industrial style masks to prevent chemical fumes and/or dust particles in services such as nail salons if previously required.
- Surgical masks are not recommended for use between healthy members of the public in response to coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Clean and disinfect surfaces touched by the client immediately after the service has been provided.
- Clean and disinfect any equipment you may have used after each client.
- Dispose of tissues and masks in a sealed plastic bag and put in the general waste.

Physical distancing

- While clients are waiting ensure separation of at least 1.5 metres.

The State Government is developing further advice for these services which will be made available ahead of restrictions easing.

Visit <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

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