



OSHA ALERT

COVID-19 Guidance for Hair and Nail Salon Services

OSHA is committed to protecting the health and safety of America's workers and workplaces during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency is issuing a series of industry-specific alerts to help keep workers safe.

The following steps can help reduce employee risk of exposure to the coronavirus in hair and nail salons:

- Instruct sick workers to stay home.
- Have a qualified ventilation professional evaluate the building's HVAC system.
- Provide and have all workers wear face coverings (i.e., cloth face coverings or surgical masks) that have at least two layers of tightly woven breathable fabric, unless their work task requires a respirator. Face coverings should be provided at no cost to workers.
- Instruct customers to wear face coverings during service.
- Implement physical distancing practices for customers awaiting services, such as instructing customers to wait outside or in their cars until their appointments.
- Wash and dry customers' hair before performing any other services and require nail clients to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before proceeding.
- Use pre-pay systems or self-checkout procedures and provide hand sanitizer at the point of purchase.
- Emphasize washing hands with soap and water to both workers and customers.
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces, tools and equipment.
- Do not allow the sharing of tools and equipment between workers. If sharing cannot be eliminated, clean and disinfect between each use.
- Ensure policies encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.



For the latest guidance and other resources on protecting workers from coronavirus, visit [OSHA's Protecting Workers Guidance](#).

OSHA issues alerts to draw attention to worker safety and health issues and solutions.