

Hello my name is Ashley and I'm a Mendocino County resident. I own a Cosmetic Beauty Parlour offering Cosmetic Tattoo & Permanent Makeup here in Ukiah CA. As you may know I have been closed YTD 130 days of 2020. Governor Newsom has closed the doors to my Licensed Body Art Facility due to Covid-19 and California Health Orders. This closure has greatly impacted me financially and left me pretty baffled we still remain closed when the in-salon infection rate is .003% of the 1% general public infection rate.

California should reopen and return our citizens to work. Allow trained professionals to return to their businesses where they can make adequate wages to support their families and feed their children. The Beauty Industry continues to be hit hard forcing so many to close the doors to their businesses. Some of us have put everything we have into our businesses. It is completely arbitrary to close down an industry with a .003% infection rate moreover closing an industry with extensive training on infection prevention and control in addition to having annual inspections by local health department officials.

As an owner of a Body Art Facility and Practitioner here in Mendocino County, here is what is required of me prior to opening.

- Submit a completed Body Art Facility Permit Application
- Submit the appropriate fee payable to Mendocino Environmental Health and Safety.
- Submit a copy of the Facility Infection Prevention Control Plan.
- Submit a completed Body Art Practitioner Application.
- Submit appropriate fee.
- As condition of registration, all applicants shall provide:
 - Evidence of completion of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Training within the last 12 months.
 - Evidence of current hepatitis B vaccination or a hepatitis B declination form.
 - Proof of 18 years of age or older.

As a Body Art Practitioner of California, I am required to comply with "The Safe Body Art Act" California Health & Safety Code, Sections [119300-119328](#). I encourage Governor Newsom and our Local Health Officer, Dr. Doohan, MD to both read.

Mr. Newsom, governor of California since 2019 and Dr. Doohan appointed Mendocino County Interim Health Officer effective March 10, 2020. With no disrespect to either's experience, it appears there is absolutely no substantial evidence to keep the Beauty Industry Closed. For example you will read,

"This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Safe Body Art Act.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum statewide standards for the regulation of persons engaged in the business or performance of tattooing, body piercing, branding, and the application of permanent cosmetics in California. These requirements are intended to protect both the practitioner and the client from transmission of infectious diseases through the application of proper body art procedures and the control of cross-contamination of instruments and supplies."

On July 26, 2020, the state of California issued new restrictions for Mendocino County and counties across the state in an effort to slow the recent rapid spread of COVID-19 statewide. These new restrictions require the closures of indoor gyms and fitness centers, hair salons, worship services, malls and other operations. These are in addition to the restrictions put in place

earlier in Mendocino County and the 29 other counties on the state Monitoring List, which prohibit indoor operations at restaurants, bars and brewpubs, movie theaters, museums and other businesses as a means of discouraging large indoor gatherings.

Prior to Reopening our businesses additional guidelines were put into place (see below):

Signage is posted at each public entrance of the facility to inform the client to:

- Wear a mask upon entry into a body art facility and during procedure
- Maintain social distancing whenever possible
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon entry into a body art facility
- Stay home if they are ill or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19

All employees and practitioners have been instructed to maintain at least six feet distance from customers,

and from each other, as much as practicable. Procedure areas must allow for six feet of distance between

customers and establishments should consider additional divider shields or barriers where appropriate.

Notify clients when scheduling the appointment that guests/family members/partners are prohibited.

The body art appointment is limited to allow for client entry only while social distancing protocols are required.

Notify clients prior to the procedure that they are required to wear facial coverings at all times while in

the facility, prior to entering the facility, and during the procedure.

When performing a procedure and while in the facility, disposable medical masks are worn by the

practitioner at all times and changed between clients/procedures.

Prior to the appointment, have the client certify they are free of COVID 19 related symptoms (e.g. no

fever, sore throat, chills, headache, muscle soreness, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, etc.). Have your client call you just before entering the facility to provide the certification. Perform a temperature scan prior to allowing entry into the facility.

Require clients to complete all required paperwork prior to the appointment including but not limited to:

indemnification agreements, consent forms, aftercare instructions, medical questionnaires, post procedure

instructions etc. This will minimize physical interaction in the facility.

Appointments are staggered to minimize the number of people within the facility at any given time. Walk-

in appointments are not provided.

Guests are not allowed to accompany the client to the procedure.

Technology is utilized to conduct consultations remotely.

Some of us denied to work 1:1 within our Facilities, despite the fact that I'm welcome to work 20 miles over in the next county.

There continues to be no factual supporting evidence as to why keeping trained licensed professionals who are specifically trained in the prevention and spread of not only Covid-19 but ALL bloodborne pathogens and viruses. By continuing to keep our industry closed this continues to impact over a half a million, highly trained professionals their human right to earn a living, and is using strong arm of the law to punish and grind them into submission.

As some of you know many California beauty professionals are small business owners that employ 1099 contractors and aren't eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program. The Unemployment does not cover the cost of living and overhead of our small businesses forcing some of us to close their doors permanently. As licensed professionals who wish to continue to practice our trade safely, the half-million beauty professional's of California play an essential role in the physical and mental health of tens of millions of Californian's. It is our civil right to practice our trades, one that may not casually at the whim of the state. Our businesses and livelihoods are facing a time of no longer existing.

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTY INDUSTRY!!

Sincerely,

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