

Good day Board Members,

It is my understanding that you will be considering options/protocols for Beauty Services in Mendocino county. I am writing to you on behalf of one particular business, Skin Care by Wendy, but I am sure my concerns would apply to others. I have been a client of Wendy's for decades. She is a complete professional. I was able to make use of her services during the brief time several weeks ago when it was permitted. The attention to detail, in terms of COVID prevention, was brilliant. The premises were spotless, as always. Wendy wore a mask, gloves and face shield. Because I have been a client for so long, I know that she (and I would imagine all of her clients) has been vigorously adhering to the SIP recommendations. We and she, just stay home all day! We have little to no contact with people. I know that Wendy does not have any walk-ins. She has a small, loyal and deeply appreciative clientele. None of us want to get this dreadful virus. If I felt that it was unsafe to have skin treatments with Wendy, I would never go. Neither would her other clients, most of whom are older. Please, as you study this issue, do think about where the vast majority of cases have originated. My guess is that few, if any can be attributed to beauty services who are being scrupulous about their protocols. These businesses are suffering! I support the protocols that the county has put in place, but I believe that with strict accommodations, these services can open safely. Thank you for your time, and thank you for your service during these very difficult times!

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