

Personal Service Providers COVID-19 Requirements

Summary of June 4, 2021 changes:

- Clarified rule changes for fully vaccinated individuals, including rules for services that necessitate the removal of a client's face covering.
- Linked updated Department of Labor & Industries guidance.

All personal service providers and employer-owners must adopt a written procedure that is at least as strict as the requirements in this document and that complies with the appropriate safety and health requirements and guidelines established by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries and the Washington State Department of Health.

Prior to recommencing on-site services, all personal service providers and employer-owners are required to develop at each establishment, a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan which must be adhered to. A site-specific COVID-19 monitor shall be designated at each location to monitor the health of individuals and enforce the COVID-19 job site safety plan. A copy of the plan must be available at all locations and available for inspection by state and local authorities. Failure to meet this requirement may result in sanctions up to, and including, license suspension.

Covered Professions and Facilities

Personal service providers and employer-owners covered in these operational guidelines include Cosmetologists, Cosmetology Testing, Hairstylists, Barbers, Estheticians, Master Estheticians, Manicurists, Nail Salon Workers, Electrologists, Permanent Makeup Artists, Tanning Salons, and Tattoo Artists. These employer-owners may contract with employee-service providers to provide these personal services. These personal service providers must be able to comply with the following guidelines before re-opening, and with the off-site guidance when working anywhere other than a personal services establishment.

Phases 1 and 2

1. Personal services are limited to 25% of occupancy limits (per fire marshal code) excluding staff, if six feet of physical distancing can be maintained between stations.

Phase 3

1. Personal services are limited to 50% of occupancy limits (per fire marshal code), excluding staff, if six feet of physical distancing can be maintained between stations.

All Phases

1. Arrange contactless or electronic scheduling, pay options, and services wherever possible.
2. For any service that necessitates removal of customer's face covering (i.e. facial or beard trimming), the following apply:
 - The service provider must wear a NIOSH approved N95 face covering. If N95s are in short supply and cannot be obtained readily, an FDA approved surgical mask and face shield combination is an acceptable substitute. However, the employer would have to demonstrate they have standing N95 orders that cannot be filled.
 - Minimize the amount of time the customer's face covering is removed.

- Encourage the customer to refrain from speaking while face covering is removed.

In accordance with new CDC guidance and Proclamation 20-25.13, if both the provider and customer are fully vaccinated, the requirements in this section (section 2) do not apply. Please see the section, **Fully Vaccinated Individuals**, below for further details.

3. Develop at each location, a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan. The plan must include policies regarding the following control measures: PPE utilization; on-location physical distancing; hygiene; sanitation; symptom monitoring; incident reporting; location disinfection procedures; COVID-19 safety training; exposure response procedures and a post-exposure incident project-wide recovery plan.
4. Provide soap and running water at all business locations for frequent handwashing. Personal service providers should be encouraged to leave their workstations to wash their hands regularly, before and after going to the bathroom, before and after eating, and after coughing, sneezing or blowing their nose. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain more than 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol can also be used, but are not a replacement for the water requirement.
5. Post required hygienic practices in areas visible to all workers, which include:
 - Not touching the face with unwashed hands or with gloves;
 - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
 - Using hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol alcohol or 70% isopropanol;
 - Cleaning and disinfecting frequently-touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, elevator control buttons, doors and doorknobs; and
 - Covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
6. Launder all linens, towels, drapes, smocks, etc., in accordance with [WAC 308-20-110](#), if applicable.
7. Provide disinfectants to personal employee-service providers throughout the workplace, and ensure cleaning supplies are frequently replenished.
8. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces after each use, including reception areas, personal work stations, mirrors, chairs, headrests and armrests, dryers, shampoo bowls, hand tools, other equipment, handrails, restrooms and breakrooms, and pens/pencils. Porous and soft surface tools cannot be disinfected and must be discarded after a single use.
9. Adhere to social distancing requirements as outlined in this document. Personal service providers should maintain six feet of space between booths/stations or have physical barriers between them when in use.
10. Increase ventilation rates where feasible. Evaluate ventilation and utilize U.V. filters with a higher MERV rating.
11. Ensure that tissues and trash cans are placed throughout the business.
12. Advise clients of new requirements when making personal service appointments:
 - Clients must self-screen for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 before arriving at the service provider location.
 - Clients should not bring other guests with them, unless they are bringing children under the age of 16 for an appointment.
 - Clients should advise personal service providers via call, email or text message that they have arrived at the location for the appointment, and are waiting for instructions to enter.

13. Post a notice at the front door or window regarding access to the facility for walk-in appointments at personal service provider establishments. Employer-owners should include the phone number that the guest should call to determine availability of services. If service is available at the time, the walk-up guest will need to answer questions regarding COVID-19 exposure and their current health.
14. **For off-site services**, personal service providers must wear the [appropriate PPE](#) and work one on one with clients. PPE should be disposed of or sanitized where appropriate per the guidance above, such as disposing of disposable gloves or replacing linens after providing service to a client. Personal service providers must adhere to social distancing requirements, maintaining at least six feet of distance from non-clients who may be present at the off-site location.

COVID-19 Training

15. Train all on-site personal service providers on the worksite's policies, the requirements in this document, and all COVID-19 appropriate safety-related requirements and guidance in the language they understand best.

Health/Symptoms for Personal Service Provider Employer-Owners and Personal Service Providers

16. Create a policy that requires personal service providers to stay home or leave the worksite when feeling sick or when they have been in close contact with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. If they develop symptoms of acute respiratory illness, they should seek medical attention and inform their employer.
17. Screen all personal service providers at the beginning of their day by asking them if they have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches or new loss of taste or smell. If a personal service provider has a family member with COVID-19, that individual must follow the isolation/quarantine requirements as established by the Department of Health. If a personal service provider is confirmed to have COVID-19, employers or the individual should inform fellow workers of their possible exposure in the workplace, but maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The employer or individual should consult with the local health department and/or instruct fellow workers about how to proceed based on the CDC Public Health Recommendations for Community-Related Exposure.
18. Instruct service providers to report to their supervisor or employer if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, or new loss of taste or smell). If symptoms develop during a shift, the worker should be immediately sent home. If symptoms develop while the personal service provider is not working, they should not return to work until they have been evaluated by a healthcare provider.
19. If a personal service provider or client reports feeling sick and goes home, the area previously occupied by that person should be disinfected in accordance with CDC and Department of Health guidelines.

All personal service provider employer-owners and personal service providers must meet and maintain all the requirements in this document, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required to comply.

Fully Vaccinated Individuals

*** Nothing in this section repeals any of the other provisions found in this document. Rather, this section creates limited exemptions for fully vaccinated individuals. ***

1. Customers: In accordance with the Secretary of Health's [Order 20-03.2](#), fully vaccinated individuals are exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering. A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen).

Fully vaccinated individuals are also exempt from physical distancing requirements.

To implement this section, businesses may:

- a. Implement an honor system;
- b. Engage with customers to ask about vaccination status;
- c. Require proof of vaccination status; or
- d. Continue mandating the use of face coverings.

2. Employees: Follow the requirements from the Department of Labor & Industries [here](#).

Safety and Health Requirements

All employers have a general obligation to maintain a safe and healthy workplace in accordance with state and federal law and safety and health rules for a variety of workplace hazards. Employers must specifically ensure operations follow the main Labor & Industries COVID-19 requirements to protect workers. COVID-19 workplace and safety requirements can be found [here](#).

Additional information is available at [Novel Coronavirus Outbreak \(COVID-19\) Resources](#) and [Paid Leave under the Washington Family Care Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).