

		West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources			
		MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES			
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There has been increased interest in both temporary and mobile tattoo studio facilities in West Virginia. However [West Virginia Code §16-38 Tattoo Studio Business](#) does not address minimum requirements for these types of facilities, while Legislative Rule 64CSR80 Body Piercing Studio Business does address requirements for temporary and mobile body piercing studios.

Until West Virginia Code §16-38 is revised, the following requirements shall be met to allow Local Health Departments (LHDs) to permit temporary and mobile tattoo studio operations:

- Temporary facilities include those for educational or convention purposes. To the extent possible, they shall meet the facility requirements in §16-38-4. At a minimum, they shall include :
 - Temporary hand washing facilities and hand sanitizer shall be located within each work or demonstration area. A temporary hand washing facility shall consist of liquid hand cleanser, single-use paper towels and warm potable water dispensed from an insulated container with a spigot that is raised a minimum of twenty-five (25) inches off the floor. Wastewater shall be collected in a bucket placed on the floor under the spigot. Warm potable water shall be replenished and wastewater removed as necessary and be disposed in an approved manner.
 - At least fifty (50) foot-candles of light at the level where the tattoo procedure is being performed.
 - A separate cleaning and sterilization area for use by the participants that supplies an adequate number of sinks and Director approved sterilization units for cleaning and sterilizing equipment to be used during the event.
 - Pre-sterilized needles, tubes and instruments may be used as long as the provisions in [Environmental Health Procedures Memorandum DC-9](#) are met.
- Mobile units or vehicles shall also comply with the following requirements:
 - The mobile vehicle shall be equipped with a sink for the exclusive use of the technicians for hand washing and preparing customers. An adequate supply of potable water shall be maintained at all times that the mobile shop is open for business.

- All liquid wastes shall be stored in an adequate storage tank with a capacity at least fifty percent (50%) greater than the capacity of the on-board potable water. Liquid wastes shall be disposed of at any approved wastewater disposal site.
- If there is not an on-board rest room, the mobile vehicle shall be operated within two hundred (200) feet of a public restroom.
- All procedures shall be performed inside the mobile vehicle.

To the extent possible, temporary and mobile tattoo studios in operation must meet all other provisions of WV Code §16-38.

References [West Virginia Code §16-38 Tattoo Studio Business Environmental Health Procedures Memorandum DC-9](#)

History None

Attachments None