

Advice to barbers/ hairdressers operating during Covid-19 pandemic

- There must be 2 metres social distancing between work stations (this can only be reduced if a screen or physical barrier is introduced between the work stations)
- You should operate on an appointment only basis to control numbers in the shop
- Record the name, contact details, and appointment time for every customer. You are required to keep these details for 3 weeks to help with the government's Track and Trace system
- Operate a one in, one out policy.
- Where possible, waiting areas should not be used (unless by family members or those part of same household). If you cannot avoid this then you must ensure that social distancing is maintained and that customers wear a mask.
- Ask customers to turn up on time so they can be seated straight away
- Check with customers on arrival if they have had symptoms in the last 14 days or been in contact with anyone who has. If they have, refuse to serve them.
- Check staff daily for any symptoms of Coronavirus (if any symptoms are shown, they cannot work and must self-isolate for 10 days)
- Customers must sanitise their hands upon entry
- **You must wear a full-face visor and a Type II face mask (see link to the full guidance shown below). This is essential.**
- Use a fresh gown per customer/ disposable single use
- Customers must wear a face covering when entering the salon/shop and during service but can be removed when necessary for a specific treatment (**see link to the full guidance shown below**)
- Disinfect all used equipment between use. Ensure clipper spray is anti-viral, not just antibacterial.
- Wash and sanitise hands after each customer and after handling cash.
- Disinfect each station (hand contact points) between each customer using a cleaning chemical that is effective against viruses.
- No drinks, magazines, or toys should be available.
- Disposable cups for water are allowed, ask customer to place cup in bin with a liner and ensure disposed of each day without touching contents
- Keep coats separate or stored in bags to avoid risk of cross contamination by being hung up together
- Wear fresh clothes daily and wash after each shift

Social distancing and regular hand washing are the most effective methods to prevent the transmission of Covid-19. When 2 metre social distancing is not possible barriers such as screens or visors must be worn.

Please ensure that you follow this guidance. If you have any questions or would like further Covid advice, then please contact the Environmental Health Team on 01524 582935 or via environmentalhealth@lancaster.gov.uk

For the full guidance please visit the gov.uk website using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/close-contact-services>

Please note failure to adhere to these rules will result in unnecessary risks to you, your staff, and customers. You have a duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to protect the health and safety of staff and others who may be affected by your work. Failure to take appropriate action to minimise the spread of the virus may result in formal action being taken against you.