



Eastern Highlands Health District

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATION

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To: All EHHD Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists, Nail Technicians, Estheticians, and Eyelash Technicians

From: Robert Miller, MPH, RS - Director of Health

We have seen the number of COVID-19 cases rise significantly across the state of Connecticut throughout several counties. On March 16, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont announced a regional approach to combatting the novel coronavirus with uniform standards that will limit crowd capacity for social and recreational gatherings; that restaurants and bars that serve food will temporarily be required to move to take-out and delivery services only; bars that do not serve food will be required to temporarily close and he announced they are temporarily closing movie theaters, gyms, fitness centers and similar public workout facilities and studios.

On March 17, 2020, Renee D. Coleman-Mitchell, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health issued a notice regarding COVID-19 being spread mainly from person-to-person contact between people who are in close contact with one another. The nature of your profession puts you in direct contact with your clients and customers. Therefore, the risk of transmission if you or a client is infected is higher than professions that do not require direct contact. The Department of Public Health urges all salons and other businesses that provide similar services that require direct contact to cease operations indefinitely. By taking this action, salons and similar businesses will be in alignment with the current restrictions placed on businesses noted above. These actions will contribute to the state and national efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The position of the Eastern Highland Health District is that your profession poses a health risk to the community and to preserve the public health and prevent the spread of disease, all barbers, hairdressers, cosmetologists, nail technicians, estheticians, and eyelash technicians are instructed to close their operations until further notice.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact Lynette Swanson, Chief Sanitarian of the Eastern Highlands Health District at 860-429-3325.