



COVID-19 UPDATES

Beauty Salons in select communities are beginning to open. Salons that are allowed to open will be in communities that have met the safety benchmarks required by the Minnesota Department of Health to re-open a salon. These include:

- The community has been mass tested (residents and staff)
- No COVID-19 positive cases have been identified
- 14 days free of any COVID-19 positive test results
- The community has an adequate supply of PPE
- Policies and procedures to meet safety guidelines are in place
- The community's stylist has agreed to/uphold safety guidelines

Residents and families living in communities that have met these safety benchmarks will receive communication from their Executive Director regarding the timeline for the community's salon opening.

Although we are thrilled to have communities meet the safety criteria and have the salons open once again, it is possible we may need to suspend operations if positive COVID-19 cases show up within the building in the future. As always, the safety of our residents and staff is our top priority.

Here are some safety precautions that will be carried out as our salon resumes operations:

- The beautician must wear surgical face mask and eye protection.
- Each resident must wear a face mask at all times during the hair appointment, unless medically contraindicated.
- No COVID-positive residents or symptomatic residents are allowed in the beauty shop.
- Ensure the beauty shop surfaces are disinfected between each resident.
- The residents should wait to enter until the space is cleaned between residents.
- Residents must maintain 6 feet social distancing and not congregate outside the beauty shop door.
- There must be hand hygiene supplies available for use before and after contact with the resident. Unless hands are visibly soiled, alcohol-based hand rub is preferred over soap and water.
- The beautician must perform hand hygiene before and after contact with each resident.
- The resident must perform hand hygiene upon entry into the beauty shop.

- The facility should suspend beauty shop services until there are no longer residents in transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 infection, or 14 days after a positive test for staff or visiting provider, if they worked in the facility during their infectious period, whichever is longer. This does not include the quarantine of a new admission/readmission with no suspicion of COVID-19. This guidance applies to manicures and pedicures as well.

All appointments must be pre-scheduled, and no walk-ins are permitted. Please call your community's stylist to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

We are very excited to begin loosening restrictions in our community in efforts to return to a more "normal" way of life. Thank you, again, for your continued patience.