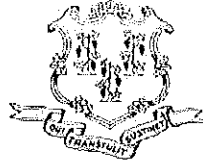


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### NOTICE

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To Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists, Nail Technicians, Estheticians, Eyelash Technicians, and Massage Therapists:

COVID 19 is 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.

Some local health districts and departments have already required salons to close during this time. The Department of Public Health (DPH) 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 like restaurants, gyms, and movie theaters. These actions will contribute to the state and national efforts to reduce the spread of COVID 19.

For salons and similar businesses that choose not to cease operations at this time, it is critical to take steps to protect clients and staff. Important information on reducing risk of COVID 19 for businesses and employers can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

For the latest information, resources, and guidance related to coronavirus (COVID-19), visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](http://ct.gov/coronavirus).

Thank you for your attention during to this important issue during this challenging time.



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