

COVID-19 - IMPORTANT UPDATE JULY 3, 2020

There is no denying that COVID-19 has presented this Country, and many others, with difficult challenges. This includes the Barbering Industry of Nova Scotia, among others.

As we learn and grow together, the Association continues to update the Guidelines with the intention of keeping our Members and the Public as safe as possible.

To maintain your safety, all barber shops must follow the Provincial Nova Scotia Public Health Order (which can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/working-during-covid-19/>) and the Association's COVID-19 Guidelines, as approved and indorsed by the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Strang.

Effective as of Friday, July 3, 2020

Changes to the Guidelines are highlighted below. The Guidelines can be found on the Association's website and on the NS Government COVID-19 website at <https://novascotia.ca/reopening-nova-scotia/prevention-plans/#sector-plans>.

All other Guidelines remain unchanged.

AMENDMENTS

Restricted Services such as such beard trims and shaving have been lifted, but come with **mandatory** rules.

When providing a service to the facial area:

1. The service provider must wear a mask and a face shield.
2. Clients must wear a mask when entering the barber shop before and after a service, and if they are remaining in the barber shop for further services and cannot social distance.
3. All clients **must be properly screened** for COVID-19, especially prior to the removal of a mask (by continuing to use the barber shop COVID-19 tracing questionnaire and maintaining same for a minimum of 30 days).

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/when-to-see-help/#symptoms>

4. The client may remove their mask only for the allotted time of the face service, and only if the service provider feels it is safe for them to do so while providing the service.

Masks and face shields must be worn and discarded or properly disinfected after each service.

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/staying-healthy/>

Continue to remain safe by following all COVID-19 protocols!

COVID-19 has not gone away; we are still under the threat of contamination. All barbers must wear a mask while providing any barber service on a client, **to protect the client**. Masks may be removed only when social distancing is maintained or when they are soiled or dirty.*

It is strongly recommended that barber shop owners continue to have clients wear a mask while in the barber shop, for the protection of your service providers and to continue to help reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. However, there are individuals who may not be able to wear a mask and accommodation can be made by the practitioner, if the practitioner is willing and feels they are safe to provide the service on the client while maintaining social distancing from other clients and staff.

REMINDER: Everyone must continue to maintain social distancing (other than when you are providing a one-on-one service to a client) following the Public Health Order for Businesses.

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/working-during-covid-19/>

****Removing a mask allows for the possible spread of COVID-19***

Occupational Health and Safety will monitor businesses for compliance with the Public Health Order and the Association Guidelines.

<https://novascotia.ca/lae/ohs/region.asp>