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To: All Cosmetology & Barbering Licensees
Date: 5/18/2020
Re: Safety Standards for Re-Opening Hair Salons and Barbershops

On May 18th, 2020, the Governor's Reopening Advisory Board issued official guidelines on re-opening businesses in the Commonwealth, using a four-phase approach.

Phase 1: Hair Salons and Barbershops Can Open on May 25th With Restrictions

- Hair Salons and Barbershops can open on May 25th for hair services only (haircuts, color, blow drying and treatments)
- Specific safety guidelines issued by the Reopening Advisory Board must be followed <https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-hair-salons-and-barbershops> (see discussion below).
- Non-hair services (e.g., eyebrows, beard trimming, lip waxing, manicures) are not permitted during this phase in any salon or shop.
- Nail Salons and Aesthetics Salons/Day Spas will be included in Phase 2. There is at least a 3-week period between each Phase, and businesses should check the state reopening website at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>. Further industry-specific guidance will be posted for Phase 2 businesses.

Cosmetology & Barbering Safety Standards:

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-hair-salons-and-barbershops>

- The Reopening Advisory Board has released industry-specific safety standards that all hair salons and barbershops must follow when re-opening, available at the link listed above.
- The safety standards contain specific guidelines on social distancing, hygiene, staffing/operations, and cleaning/disinfecting for salons and shops.
- The link above also includes safety checklists and printable sanitation guidelines that can be posted in salons and shops.
- In addition to the safety standards outlined in the above link, the Board's regulations on sanitation must be followed at all times:
<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/06/14/240%20CMR%203.00.pdf>

Please contact the Board with any questions on these guidelines at
cosmetologyandbarberingboard@mass.gov

Please continue to monitor the Commonwealth's Reopening website for up-to-date information and more specifics on the four phase plan to re-open businesses: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

