



A Hairstyling Self-Check for Infection Control

Personal Service Setting (PSS) operators providing hair cutting, colouring, or styling services can use this self-audit tool to ensure services are provided in accordance with infection prevention and control best practice recommendations.

- If you are opening a new salon, or have not notified Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) about your salon, in the County of Simcoe or District of Muskoka, you must [notify](#) the health unit within 14 days of opening, as required under [O. Reg. 136/18](#).
- Wash your hands before and after every service and when hands become visibly dirty in a designated handwashing sink. When hands are visibly clean you can use a hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Capes and gowns are laundered between each client.
- New neck strips or clean towels are used on each client.
- Single-use items are discarded immediately following each service:
 - Applicator used to apply styptic powder or liquid to stop bleeding
 - Gloves
 - Hair threading or weaving needles
 - Neck strip
 - Single-use crochet hooks for cap highlights
 - Single-use disposable razors and/or blades (discarded in an approved sharps container)
 - Styptic product
 - Colour foils
- Reusable equipment is cleaned and disinfected between each client.

<p>Equipment requiring low-level disinfection (Ex., Barbicide, Clippercide, Wahl Disinfectant spray, etc. [Ensure any disinfectant is used as per manufacturer's instructions]):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour mixing bowls (if reusable) • Combs, brushes • Containers holding instruments • Hair clipper blades • Hair clipper guards and shaver guards • Hair rollers, clips and caps • Hair scissors 	<p>Equipment requiring intermediate-level disinfection (Ex., 70% alcohol soak, intermediate level bleach solution, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crochet hooks used for cap highlights • Handles and cradles for shaving razor used on skin
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- Surfaces, including counter tops and chairs, are cleaned and disinfected daily or as needed using a low-level surface disinfectant.
- Use Health Canada approved disinfectants and follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use. Information about how to choose an appropriate disinfectant is available on page 8 of the health unit's [Guide to Operating a PSS](#).
- Ensure products are dispensed in a sanitary manner. Potted products, such as pomades, should be dispensed with a cleanable tool or a single use applicator.
- Maintain client records, including name and contact information and [accidental exposure records](#) as applicable, for incidents where there has been potential exposure to blood or body fluid during service.
- Ensure all surfaces and equipment are easily cleanable, non-absorbent and maintained to be in good repair.
- Keep the salon free from live animals, except for [designated service animals](#), and live aquatic species stored in clean tanks.
- Review infection prevention and control resources available on the [SMDHU website](#).