

Additional Guidelines for Hair Salons and Barber Shops

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- All facilities are to follow “**General Guidelines**” fact sheets.

Additional requirements

- If low-level disinfectant solutions such as quaternary ammonium compounds (e.g. barbercide) are used, they are only to be used on surfaces or non-critical items.
- Items placed in quats-type disinfectant, require cleaning prior to disinfection and must be rinsed after the appropriate contact time.
- Any reusable surface cover that is not cleaned/launched between each client use must be used along with a single-use disposable sheet.
- Items which contact hair and do not contact skin, are non-critical and at a minimum require cleaning with soap/detergent and a brush under running water between uses.
- Should a non-critical item break (nick) the skin, it must be cleaned then disinfected with an intermediate to high level disinfectant.
- All blades used for shaving skin must be single-use and discarded in an acceptable sharps container immediately after use.
- Straight razors with a fixed blade are not recommended as cleaning is hazardous to the worker. If using a straight razor, it must be cleaned and then sterilized after each use.
- Razors used for cutting hair must have a proper guard in place to prevent the blade from coming into contact with the skin.
- Razors are to be disposed in an approved sharps container.
- Styptic pencils cannot be used to stop bleeding on clients. Powder or liquid forms are acceptable provided that if direct contact with the skin is required, it must be used in a manner that prevents contamination.
- “Crochet hooks” used for cap highlights must be cleaned then disinfected with an intermediate to high level disinfectant.
- Any needles used for hair weaves and extensions that contact the client or operator must be discarded in an approved sharps container immediately after contact.
- Clean and dirty items must be stored separately to prevent cross contamination.

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