The following general recommendations apply to personal care service businesses involving interactions where social distancing cannot be maintained between the employees and the customers, including, but not limited to, hair salons, nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors:

- All facilities must work on an appointment-only basis. Any waiting customers must be socially distanced and masked.
- All “treatment” chairs must be spaced a minimum of six (6) feet apart. If not feasible due to physical limitations of the facility, at least every other chair must be used and/or shielding must be in place between chairs.
- Seats, tables, chairs and any/all equipment contacting the consumer must be sanitized after each use. All high touch surfaces of the facility must be cleaned regularly.
- Masks absolutely must be worn by all employees any time they are interacting with a customer. Masks are strongly recommended for customers unless the interaction requires access to the face.
- Stagger employee breaks to limit congregation, and maintain social distancing at all times.
- There must be shielding at the register. Credit card machines and pens must be disinfected regularly, with hand-sanitizer available for the customers.
- If possible, work with open windows, doors, fans, and other means of bringing in outside air and increasing circulation.

While following these critical guidelines allows for the minimization of the risk of spread of COVID-19, nothing can eliminate it completely.

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