

Barbershops and Salons

If you operate a barber shop or salon in New York City, new mandates from New York State require you to do the following at the start of Phase 2:

- **Develop a [Safety Plan](#)** and post it at your work site .
- **Read [New York State \(NYS\) guidelines](#)** and affirm compliance.
- The State requires that you **affirm that you have reviewed and understand the State-issued industry guidelines** and that you will implement them. You can fill out the affirmation form [here](#).

View the full list of requirements on the State website to make sure you are in compliance, and protect your employees and customers by taking the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These are some examples of best practices.

1. Stay Home if Sick

Unless you are leaving for essential medical care ([including testing](#)) or other essential errands, stay home if you are sick.

- Eliminate or relax appointment cancellation fees to encourage customers to stay home if sick.
- Consider reducing chair fees if stylists/barbers rent their space.
- Post the [Stop the Spread](#) poster in employee areas. Additional languages are available on the www.nyc.gov/health/coronavirus website or by calling 311 to order a copy.

2. Keep Physical Distance

Stay at least 6 feet away from other people.

- Implement “by appointment only” policy .
- Prohibit non-essential visitors.
- At check-out desks, consider using barriers like plastic shield walls.
- Consider posting markers using tape or signs that denote 6 feet of spacing.
- Use every other chair for all services and waiting areas, as long as that results in at least 6 feet of spacing.

3. Wear a Face Covering

Protect those around you. You can be contagious without symptoms and spread the disease when you cough, sneeze or talk. A face covering may help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- Consider having face coverings near the front door for those who arrive without them.
- You should consider removing services (like beard trims) that require removal of face coverings from websites or other public-facing places.

4. Practice Healthy Hand Hygiene

Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; clean frequently touched surfaces regularly; avoid touching your face with unwashed hands; and cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, not your hands.

- Provide employees with clean smocks or gowns.
- Encourage frequent handwashing [with signage](#).
- Encourage contactless payment.

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has created plain language Frequently Asked Questions for [each sector re-opening in Phase 2](#), in adherence with the New York State guidance.



Additionally, the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and the Department of Consumer and Workforce Protection (DCWP) have created [this simple flyer](#) for businesses and workers.