INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES/WORK SETTINGS
FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COVID-19

The instruction notes are given for a range of public activities and work settings. Some sectors such as tourism, large shopping malls, event management, etc. would require reference to several instruction notes.

The Instructions are subject to overall permission given by the Ministry of Health to resume functions (totally/selected).

Each instruction note is issued by the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services and are for the establishment/owner/responsible authority to follow in prevention of transmission of COVID-19.
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40. Barber and Beauty Salons

Description - These offer haircuts, hair styles, dyeing of hair, some offer other services like facials, pedicures, foot massages etc. Under COVID related precautions only restricted functions are possible.

Specific message/Instruction/s

Organizer/ owner/employer-
- Must declare assurance to the conditions stipulated before commencing operation. (as per the operational guidelines on preparedness and response for covid-19 outbreak for work settings: Barber and Beauty Salons)
- May provide only cutting/trimming of hair, dyeing of hair, manicure, pedicure, relaxation/straightening of hair and waxing of arms and legs, and this list must be clearly displayed to customers. Shaving beards/moustaches is not recommended.
- Both employees and the customer should wear a mask. In addition, the barber/dresser should wear goggles/eye shield when attending to customers.
- There should be hand washing facilities close to the entrance for customers and employees.
- Customers should be taken only by appointment and after inquiring if they are having any of following symptoms; fever, cough, runny-nose, sore throat or breathing difficulty.
- All employees should receive an orientation before commencing services on COVID prevention (dos and don’ts).
- Ensure that physical distancing of at least 1 meter is maintained between customers. Limit number of customers entering the barber shop/salon accordingly.
- All linen (towels and capes) should be washed after each use and should never be used on another customer without washing.
- All equipment and tools (including combs and hairbrushes), the worktop and chair should be disinfected after they are used on one customer, before using on another customer.
- Avoid sharing equipment between barbers/dressers.
- Regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, counters, etc.
- Remove unnecessary items such as magazines, newspapers, service menus and décor.
- Keep the doors, windows open as much as possible to improve natural ventilation.
- Operate the air conditioners (if any) at moderate speeds. Clean/ wash its filters once a week.
- The following procedures are considered as very high risk of transmitting the infection;
  - Threading/ waxing of the faces
  - Facials, clean ups, face bleach
  - Beard Trim
  - Eyelash extensions
  - Make ups
- These procedures should be conducted only at instances where it is deemed absolutely essential. In institutions where these procedures are carried out, the management should display the assurance form declaring that the salon will adhere to all the precautions to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID 19. An instruction sheet should be provided to all clients who seek these services, at the time of placing the appointment.
- You are required to fill the provided Assurance form, indicating compliance with the instructions given. The original of the Assurance form should be submitted to the area Medical Officer of
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Health. A copy of the same should be sent to the local government authority (municipal council/urban council/pradeshiya sabha) and another copy should be kept with you. The owner/employer/manager of the organization/premises is responsible to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to.

Client
- Should not go to the salon if not feeling well (fever, cough and cold)
- Should call first and get an appointment
- Should always wear a mask
- Should follow instructions displayed

Method/s of instruction
The restricted functions that are allowed in a salon to be announced.
A notice should be put up by the establishment with contact details.
- Can come by appointment only
- Wear mask
- Wash hands after coming

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