

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health (BPH) continues to respond to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in West Virginia. BPH is working closely with communities, state agencies, local and federal partners to monitor the ongoing risk of COVID-19 and ensure the health and protection of all individuals in West Virginia.

Tanning salons may reopen on May 21, 2020, as allowed as part of Governor Jim Justice's plan "West Virginia Strong: The Comeback." View the Governor's guidance for reopening [here](#). Check with your local health department if you have questions regarding if your facility can be open.

COMMON SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Recent loss of taste or smell

PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSMISSION

- Occurs via small droplets from the nose or mouth of the infected person when they cough, sneeze, or exhale.
- Virus can remain on surfaces for a limited time period. Although less common, transmission may occur from touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

GENERAL PREVENTION

- Learn about COVID-19 from reputable sources.
- Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Encourage proper handwashing.
- Clean and sanitize surfaces often.
- Do not share food, drinks, etc.
- Wear cloth face coverings.
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Isolate sick individuals.

STAFF AND PATRON HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Perform a daily screening for symptoms of COVID-19 on all patrons and staff. Use screening guidance in [Tanning Guidelines](#).
- Do not visit a tanning salon if you are:
 - Experiencing symptoms.
 - Positive for COVID-19.
 - Caring for a household member with symptoms or positive for COVID-19.

HEALTH AND SAFETY continued

- Report any COVID-19 positive staff immediately to your local health department.
- Staff who begin experiencing symptoms while at work should report symptoms to management and leave work.
- Staff must wear a clean cloth face mask or covering unless safety is inhibited, or other type of PPE that is required by employer due to nature of the work being performed.
- Patrons should wear a cloth face mask or covering when entering and exiting the facility.
- Encourage increased handwashing, use of hand sanitizer and covering of coughs and sneezes for all employees and visitors.
- Minimize the use of shared equipment whenever possible (phones, desks, headsets, etc.). Clean after each use when equipment is shared.

SOCIAL (PHYSICAL) DISTANCING

- All patrons should maintain 6 feet between themselves and other patrons.
- No walk-ins; tanning by appointment only.
- Patrons should wait in their car for their tanning appointment.
- If waiting in the car is not an option, physical distancing should be observed in the waiting areas and face coverings should be worn.
- Stagger appointments to avoid congregation in the waiting areas and to allow for adequate cleaning and disinfection between patrons.
- Display items such as magazines, newspapers and product samples should be removed or put out of reach of patrons.
- Occupancy restrictions set forth in WV § 64 CSR 114 apply. If the tanning salon is part of another business, the occupancy of both businesses is counted for occupancy of the building.

TANNING SALONS

- Staff must clean and disinfect any areas used by patrons between each patron.
- Post signage about patron health and the following documents in the workplace to help educate all on COVID-19 best practices:
 - [CDC: Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
 - [CDC: COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- No shared goggles allowed. Patrons must provide their own goggles or tanning salons must provide disposable goggles.
- If towels are provided, disinfectant should be added to the wash as linens can become contaminated with the virus.
 - Do not shake out dirty laundry.
 - Launder linens, clothing, and clothing bags on the warmest setting possible.
 - Dry on normal setting.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

- Clean restrooms as needed but at a minimum start of day, mid-day, and end of day.
- Include frequently touched surfaces like handles, levers, doorknobs, and feminine hygiene disposal boxes with fixture cleaning. Use the cleaning agents that are normally used in these areas and follow the directions on the label.
- Provide disposable wipes or paper towels so that a barrier can be placed between hands and commonly used surfaces.
- Use approved disinfectant products:
 - <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
 - <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
 - Dilute bleach solutions, made fresh daily:
 - 1/3 cup of bleach per gallon of water
 - 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water
 - Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol
- Mop floors with disinfectant or bleach solution whenever possible.

USE OF FACE MASKS AND COVERINGS

- CDC recommends the use of simple cloth face masks or coverings as a voluntary public health measure in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- For workers who do not typically wear face masks as part of their jobs, consider the following if you choose to use a cloth face covering to slow the spread of COVID-19.
 - Launder reusable face coverings before each daily use.
 - CDC also has [additional information on the use of face coverings](#), including washing instructions and information on how to make homemade face covers.
 - Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

NOTE: The cloth face coverings recommended by CDC are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Questions and concerns can also be directed to the 24/7, toll-free COVID-19 information hotline:

1-800-887-4304

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Businesses and Workplaces](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Prepare your Small Business and Employees for the Effects of COVID-19](#)
- [General Business Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces](#)

