

COVID-19 Hair Salon Safety Guidelines

The goal of COVID-19 management at Saint Vincent's Nursing Home is to prevent the introduction of the virus into the facility and prevent transmission to residents and staff.

Saint Vincent's Nursing Home observes the directives provided by the Medical Officer of Health and follows best practice and guidelines included in the Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines for Long-Term Care Settings. We maintain a facility wide policy (III-14 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the Resident Care Policy Manual) which encompasses prevention, management and guidelines relating to additional measures in place regarding COVID-19. In addition to these measures we have established guidelines specific to our hair salon. This document will be updated to reflect any changes provided by the Medical Officer of Health.

Where our facility is closed to the public the hair salon is open to residents only.

Screening

The hair stylist must follow the same process our employees do when upon entering the facility as outlined in Policy III-14. They are required to screen daily for COVID-19 including monitoring symptoms provided by Public Health, temperature testing, hand washing when entering the premises and wearing a mask while in our facility. They are also required to notify management if symptoms are present.

Our residents are screened, monitored and actively surveyed for symptoms twice a day. Any symptomatic residents are put on isolation and signage is posted outside their door. The hair stylist is not to provide service to any symptomatic residents, or residents in isolation. The hair stylist is also not to enter any rooms of any resident on isolation.

A list of residents who access the salon, including the date and time of service, will be maintained.

Resident Management

The hair stylist will refrain from hugging, kissing, or shaking hands when greeting clients.

Residents will be provided a face mask during their hair salon visit. The mask will be given to the resident once the resident is in the lobby by the hair stylist. The mask should be worn at all times while in the hair salon and may be removed once the resident leaves the salon.

While every effort will be made to have the resident wear a face mask, an exception will be made if wearing a face mask causes any stress or anxiety due to their medical status or another significant reason. The hair stylist must discuss this with the resident in order to make an informed decision on what is best for all parties while following all other recommended guidelines and protocols issued by Public Health.

Residents are required to perform hand hygiene prior to donning their mask and/or receiving service. The Hair Stylist is also required to perform hand hygiene when entering and exiting the salon.

Environmental Management

Products, tools, capes and equipment used in services will be disinfected after each use and stored in a cabinet or sealed container when not in use.

The chair and any other high touch surfaces should be disinfected between each resident.

Tools, equipment, or supplies needed should not be carried in or on a garment or uniform, including holster or pouch.

Approved by: Angela Berrette, Executive Director July 17, 2020