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**COVID-19**

**Risk Assessment**

Guidelines from july 19th 2021

# Areas to look at regarding Covid safety

- **Space and Ventilation**

Look at the salon area and space.

Look at how air moves in the salon and how to maximize air flow.

Look at ways Covid aerosols can be kept to a minimum in the salon.

- **Distancing between people in the salon**

Look at how clients and staff move in the salon.

Look at how much space is needed to keep staff and clients safe.

- **Cleaning and sanitizing**

Look at how we can minimize Covid spread on surfaces.

Look at how Covid is passed from one person to another.

- **Face coverings & mask wearing in the salon**

Look at the latest science on how aerosols are spread.

Look at the Government guidelines and recommendations for face coverings and masks.

- **Other points and notes**

The information used to help assist with the risk assessment will come from the government guidelines for close contact workers and working safely during Coronavirus.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/shops-branches-and-close-contact-services>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation/identifying-poorly-ventilated-areas.htm>

## Space and Ventilation

- The main salon area is 36m<sup>2</sup>
- Doors and windows will be opened on a regular basis to fully refresh the salon air.
- The use of the Air Conditioning Unit will be used to help refresh and bring in new air from outside during salon opening times.
- The use of CO<sub>2</sub> sensors will be used to monitor levels to ensure safe levels of ventilation are maintained.

## Distancing and people in the salon

- The number of clients and staff that could occupy the main salon space safely will be 36 people. This is allowing 1m<sup>2</sup> for every person. We cannot see us exceeding 10 people in the salon at any one time. Usually there will only be a maximum of 6 people in the salon. This will consist of 2 staff and up to 4 guests. Provisions are therefore in place for parents and carers to attend and still be under 10 people in the salon. We still will ask guests to attend their appointment on their own whenever this is possible.
- Reception chairs and styling chairs will all maintain a minimum of 1m distance between them. This will far exceed the government guidelines.
- All the salon and reception chairs will be available for use.
- The seats at the backwash area cannot be moved due to plumbing pipe work. We are therefore keeping the screen separating the two seats as these are less than 1m apart.
- At present the Government has used a term "crowded spaces" but have not defined the term crowded spaces. We feel that 6 people in 36m<sup>2</sup> does not constitute a crowded space.
- From 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 walk in guests will be allowed.

## Cleaning and Sanitising

- Hand sanitiser will be available by the entrance for all guests to use on entry.

- The latest guidelines and science states that coronavirus is mainly spread by aerosols in the air. Contraction of coronavirus via contact on surfaces is minimal.
- We will still be using a single use disposable gown on each guest until at least August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- Disposable cups will still be used until at least 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
- Scissors, brushes and clips used on a guest will be placed in a U.V. sterilizer after use on a guest. Combs will be placed in liquid sterilize. We use these two different methods as these are the best for each item.

## **Face Coverings and mask wearing in the salon**

- From 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 the government has stated that the wearing of masks or face covering will not be legally required.
- The science states that a wearing of a face mask provides protection for others and not so much for the wearer.
- Although we are not able to enforce it, we ask our guests and staff to wear a mask whilst in the salon. This is because it will help protect the stylists and guests in that are in the salon.
- We understand that some guests may refuse to wear a mask. We reserve the right for stylists to minimize time spent with unmasked guests.
- We will use our right to introduce any restrictions or relaxations that the government introduce now or in the future for either fully vaccinated or none vaccinated guests and staff.

## **Other points and notes**

- We are basing our level of protection on people not wearing masks in the salon. We have done this as we cannot control guests not wearing masks. What we can control and monitor is ventilation. This is why we have invested heavily in ventilation systems and monitoring devices to be able to prove we are keeping staff and guests as safe as possible.
- We will be introducing client magazines back into the salon from September.

- We will be using the salon appointment system as the only track and trace system from 19<sup>th</sup> July
- We will be using lateral flow test on ourselves on a regular basis whilst they are still available.
- We ask our guests to test regularly and to not come for your appointment if a positive test has been recorded.
- We ask any guests or staff to not enter the premises if they have any Covid symptoms. This includes, a cough, loss of taste or smell or temperature.  
We ask any guest or staff with any cold or flu symptoms to wear a face mask to help reduce any risk to others.
- We will be following Government guidelines as and when they change.