



COUNTY OF KINGS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Tattoo, Permanent Makeup, and Body Piercing Inspection Checklist

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Facility: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Disease Control	Y	N
Disinfectant used for sanitizing "critical" equipment (needles, bars) e.g., Cidex or Madacide; must be approved for Hepatitis B & HIV disinfection.		
Household bleach (5.2%) may be used on "noncritical" surfaces at 1: 50 dil. or 1000 ppm (made fresh daily)		
Autoclave—anaerobic spore count analysis is recommended monthly.		
Sharps container is used for all sharp objects, including needles and razors.		
Single-use stencils (unless sanitized in accordance with Health Department) are used.		
Aseptic dispensing of petroleum jellies, soaps, and other products used in the application of stencils & tattoos		
Autoclave methods: dry heat-320F>1 hour Or steam heat-250F>30 min @ 15 psi		
Non-disposable equipment, i.e., needle bars, needle caps, needle tubes, body piercing tubes & other contaminated instruments are stored safely prior to being cleaned and sterilized.		
Before being sterilized, any used non-disposable piercing and tattooing components are cleaned in an ultrasonic cleaner.		
Tattoo machine is disassembled & disinfected after each use.		
Micropigmentation device (permanent cosmetics) is disassembled after each use: casing must be removed, washed with a small brush and disinfectant, and sterilized in an autoclave or cold sterilization solution unless disposable, single-use casings are used.		
If sheets or towels are used, they are changed after each customer.		
Body surfaces are washed prior to procedure (except eyelids).		
Single use equipment, such as tongue depressors, gauze, rubber bands, plastic bags (for covering disinfectant bottles and tattoo machines during tattoo procedures) are stored in a clean, dry place.		
Employees are vaccinated for Hepatitis B.		

Structural	Y	N
Floors, walls, ceiling—easily washable, impermeable		
All procedure surfaces (chairs, benches)—easily cleaned and sanitized after each client		
Handsink, with hot and cold running water, soap and disposable paper towels		
Minimum of 45 square feet of floor space for each operator in facility		
Dividers used in facilities with multiple stations		
No food or drinks are consumed or stored in procedure area.		
Supplies/Equipment	Y	N
Disposable, single-use needles are used. Note: Piercing guns are NOT permitted for any piercing except that of the ear lobe.		
Disposable gloves are used exclusively.		
Single-use pigment/ink wells are used exclusively.		
Single-use razors are used exclusively.		
Jewelry used in body piercing must be made of surgical implant-grade stainless steel, solid 14k or 18k yellow or white gold, niobium, titanium, or platinum, or a low-porosity plastic that has been properly sterilized in an autoclave prior to use.		
Autoclave indicator tape or temperature-sensitive autoclave bags are used for autoclaving equipment.		
Trash bags contain liners which are replaced daily.		
Business Policies	Y	N
Tattooing is not performed on minors; piercing is performed on minors only with written parental consent.		
Release forms are kept for 3 years.		
Written SOP is in place for disinfecting facility daily.		
Written SOP is in place for disinfecting workstation after each procedure.		
Each employee has taken Blood Borne Pathogen Workshop.		
Full sharps containers are properly disposed.		

Comments: _____

Inspected by: _____

