

To the honourable members of the BC Legislative Assembly, WorkSafe BC and Vancouver Coastal Health.

RE: Reopening of tattoo, piercing and laser tattoo removal studios in British Columbia

We are writing to present new policies and procedures for the tattoo, body piercing and laser tattoo removal industry, to move forward in the post-COVID-19 shutdown in accordance with WorkSafe BC guidelines.

As always, public health and safety and the health and safety of the staff we work with has always been our primary focus in the work that we do. We are trained in and have worked with personal protective equipment and have maintained an exceptionally safe environment to avoid exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. We have a strong understanding of cross-contamination and already implement aseptic technique in our every day practices.

Our studios either have on-site sterilization facilities or use single-use, disposable equipment, where other personal services may not. In addition to this, our current policies already include the use of intermediate level disinfectants to properly sanitize all surfaces in our studios.

With the addition of the following new post-COVID-19 procedures attached, we are one of the most suited, prepared and knowledgeable industries to reopen and operate early in the “new normal”.

Thank you for your time and consideration.