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Division 2060—State Board of Barber Examiners
Chapter 4—Sanitation Rules

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(1) Physical facilities shall consist of the following:

(A) Shop License Posted. Any person desiring to open a barbershop in this state shall first register that shop with the board according to 4 CSR 60-2.040, install all equipment, be in full compliance with all sanitation rules, have the shop inspected and approved by the State Board of Barber Examiners, and shall have a barbershop license issued and posted in a conspicuous place within the shop so it can be readily seen by the public;

(B) Sanitation Rules Posted. Pursuant to section 328.060.2, RSMo, sanitary rules shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every barbershop and barber school/college;

(C) Barber License Posted. Pursuant to section 328.130, RSMo, every licensed barber shall post current license in front of working chair where it shall be readily seen by all patrons;

(D) Unlicensed Persons. Pursuant to section 328.160, RSMo, no barbershop owner, manager, or proprietor shall permit any person who does not hold a current Missouri barber license to practice the occupation of barbering;

(E) Extended Student Registration. Current extended student registration shall be posted in front of the working chair where it shall be readily seen by all patrons;

(F) Shampoo Bowls and Chairs. All shops shall have at least one (1) shampoo bowl for every three (3) chairs. Chairs shall be placed at least five feet (5') apart;

(G) Dust tight cabinet or drawer for each chair;

(H) Shop Floors. All shops shall be either tiled or covered with linoleum or comparable floor covering and shall be in good condition. Shop reception area floor may consist of indoor-outdoor type carpet providing a solid wall at least thirty-six inches (36") in height separates the reception area from the working area, or a distance of at least sixty inches (60") from the base of the chair to the nearest joint of the carpeting and shall remain clean;

(I) Floors, Walls, Ceilings, Windows, Equipment and Contents. All floors, walls, ceilings, windows, equipment and contents shall be kept clean and in good repair. Use of cloth or plush-covered barber chairs is strictly prohibited;

(J) Lighting and Ventilation. The shop shall be adequately lighted and sufficient ventilation shall be provided to dispel odors, condensates, and vapors. For this purpose, ventilating equipment such as individual fans, vents and hoods shall be provided as necessary;

(K) Restrooms. All shops shall provide adequate and conveniently located restrooms for use by patrons and operators. All schools/colleges shall provide two (2) or more restrooms to separately accommodate male and female students. All functional sinks in barber schools and barbershops shall be provided with hot and cold running water, soap (liquid or powder), paper towels, and shall be kept clean and in good repair. A functional sink may be located inside or near the restrooms;

(L) Water Supply and Waste Disposal. Hot (not to exceed one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit (120°)) and cold water must be available to all lavatories and shampoo bowls at all times. Lavatories and shampoo bowls shall be provided with soap (liquid or powder) and paper towels. Check with local authorities on proper waste disposal;

(M) Shops in Residences. Shops located in buildings which are also used as residences must maintain a separate entrance. Doorways from within the shop area shall be kept closed at all times. Toilet facilities shall be adequate and conveniently located for use by patrons and operators. All lavatories shall be provided with hot and cold running water, soap (liquid or powder) and paper towels and shall be kept clean and in good repair;

(N) Shops and Schools/Colleges Used For Other Business Purposes. Shops may be used for other business purposes, except for the sale of products and/or services that may create sanitation or safety hazards to the public and shall be at the discretion of the board. Schools/colleges shall not be used for any other business purposes. The sale of hair products are acceptable; and

(O) Washing Machines and Dryers (not required). Washing machines and clothes dryers shall be located in a separate room from the working area if utilized in a shop.

(2) Sanitation requirements shall consist of the following:

(A) Patron Protection—

1. Headrests shall be covered with a clean towel or paper protector for each usage;

2. Clean towels shall be used for each patron. A closed container or drawer shall be provided for clean towels;

3. Soiled towels shall be placed in a leakproof, covered receptacle immediately upon completion of use;

4. A newly laundered towel or neck strip shall be placed around each patron’s neck to prevent the cape or hair cloth from touching skin;

5. All implements shall be disinfected after use on each patron (refer to subsection (2)(C));

6. Persons engaged in barbering shall wash their hands with soap (liquid or powder) and water before serving each patron; and

7. Persons engaged in barbering shall not attempt to remove moles or warts from a patron;

(B) Covered Waste Receptacles. Every barbershop or school/college shall be required to have a covered waste receptacle for the disposal of hair and debris, and a covered waste receptacle for soiled towels. Hair clippings shall be swept up and disposed of in a covered receptacle;

(C) Disinfecting and Storing Implements. All implements used in barbering shall be disinfected before use on each patron with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectant. The label on the disinfectant shall show that it is EPA-registered with demonstrated bactericidal (disinfectant), virucidal, and fungicidal activity and shall be used according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Every barbershop or school/college shall have a sufficient supply of disinfectant and disinfectant shall immediately be replaced if it becomes contaminated. All supplies that cannot be disinfected shall be disposed of in a covered waste receptacle immediately after use. Implements not in use shall be stored in a disinfectant solution or in anaclean, dust-tight cabinet or drawer. The following are disinfectant procedures on both nonelectrical and electrical implements:

1. For Nonelectrical—

   A. Wash in soapy water;

   B. Rinse in clean water;

   C. Totally immerse in an EPA-registered disinfectant used according to manufacturer’s instructions;

2. For Electrical—

   A. Remove all foreign matter;

   B. Disinfect with EPA-registered disinfectant according to manufacturer’s instructions; and
C. Store in clean, dust-tight cabinet or drawer;

(D) Storage and Use of Products. All containers shall be covered when not in use and shall be clearly and correctly labeled to show the nature and intended use of the contents. Other preparations used in barbering whose containers do not incorporate a dispensing mechanism shall be removed from their containers by using a new disposable device or a sanitized device, such as a spatula, spoon, or similar instrument, and shall not be removed by the use of the hands. Styptic pencils shall not be used in barbering;

(E) Animals/Pets. Every barbershop and barber school/college shall not permit any animal/pet inside facility at any time except for service animals whose whole purpose is to provide assistance to a patron while obtaining services;

(F) Personal Cleanliness. Every barber/student barber and their clothing, shall be kept in neat and clean condition at all times. Student barbers shall wear washable uniforms while in attendance;

(G) Disease Control and Injury/Blood Spill Procedure. No licensee or student barber within a barbershop or school/college shall attend patrons while afflicted with a communicable disease, nor shall patrons known to have a communicable disease be attended except as otherwise provided for under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Disposable gloves shall be worn by licensee or student barber with open wounds, dermatitis, or other non-intact skin of the hands. If a cut is sustained and/or blood spill should occur, the following steps must be followed:

1. Licensee or student barber cut/blood spill procedure—
   A. Licensee or student barber must stop service immediately;
   B. Clean cut area with soap (liquid or powder) and water and apply antiseptic. If necessary, liquid, spray or powder styptic may be applied to stop bleeding. Note: Do not allow containers or nozzles to touch or contact the wound; use an applicator as appropriate;
   C. Cover cut area with adhesive bandage;
   D. If work area and/or equipment are soiled with blood, licensee or student barber shall disinfect work area and/or blood spill area and dispose of or disinfect all contaminated objects;
   E. Dispose of clean-up supplies and disposable gloves in covered waste receptacle;
   F. Wash hands with soap (liquid or powder) and water; and
   G. Place a clean disposable glove on if cut is sustained on the hand; and

2. Patron cut/blood spill procedure—
   A. Licensee or student barber must stop service immediately;
   B. Licensee or student barber must place disposable gloves on hands;
   C. Cleanse cut area of patron, apply antiseptic and/or liquid styptic or liquid styptic or spray styptic, as necessary. Note: Do not allow container or nozzles to touch or contact the wound; use an applicator as appropriate;
   D. Cover cut area with adhesive bandage as indicated;
   E. If work area and/or equipment are soiled with blood, licensee or student barber shall disinfect work area and/or blood spill area and dispose of or disinfect all contaminated objects;
   F. Remove and dispose of disposable gloves, and clean hands with soap (liquid or powder) and water; and
   G. Return to service;

(H) Open for Inspection. Every barbershop and school/college shall be open to the members, representatives, or inspectors of the State Board of Barber Examiners for inspection at all times during normal business hours or at reasonable times as requested by the board; and

(I) Members, representatives, or inspectors of the State Board of Barber Examiners, upon finding any sanitation rule being violated in any barbershop or barber school/college, shall notify the person(s) and/or owner(s) who is in violation and make a written report to the board.
