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## HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR BODY ART TEMPORARY EVENTS PRACTITIONER REQUIREMENTS

This check list is designed for temporary body art event sponsors and participating practitioners. This guidance document contains a list of requirements that practitioners are expected to understand and implement at a Temporary Body Art Event. These requirements will meet public health and safety standards established in The Safe Body Art Act (California Health and Safety Code commencing with Section 119300) and Santa Clara County Ordinance Code B11. **Compliance will be verified by County of Santa Clara Department of Environmental Health staff.**

- ALL PRACTITIONERS MUST HAVE A VALID PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION:** A registration is considered valid if it was issued from any California jurisdiction; valid within the noted expiration date or within one year of the issue date; and complies with the rules of reciprocity.
- PRACTITIONER REGISTRATIONS MUST BE VISUALLY DISPLAYED:** The registration must be present at the time of the event. If you do not want to be interrupted during your inspection, visually display your registration on you or at your booth. If your registration does not have a current ID photo, be prepared to provide a photo ID upon request.
- DEMONSTRATION BOOTH:** Each demonstration booth must provide at least 50 sq. ft. of floor space for each practitioner. A 10 ft. x 10 ft. (100 sq. ft.) booth would allow for 2 practitioners and 2 clients\*. Friends, spouses, and children of clients and artists should remain outside of the booth. Demonstration booths are designed with partitions to separate the public from the procedure area. **Remember, the booth is the procedure area.** \*(it is acceptable to allow one booth assistant per 100 sq. ft. of floor space. The assistant should also have a valid bloodborne pathogen certificate).
- PARTITION:** Constructed with partition of at least three feet in height separating the procedural area from the public.
- NO FOOD OR DRINK:** No food, beverages, or tobacco products are allowed in the booth. Clients and practitioners shall not eat, drink, or use tobacco (including chewing, smoking, or vaping) within the booth. A person (client or practitioner) who wishes to eat, drink or smoke, must leave the booth. **Remember, the booth is the procedure area.**
- CLEAN ENVIRONMENT:** The only way to maintain a clean and sanitary environment in the procedure area is to be neat and organized. You should have only items necessary to apply your craft. Store personal effects out of the way and away from the work stations in the booth. Under the table is appropriate. Keep all trash generated in the lined waste can. Help notify the sponsor to maintain regular trash pick-up from your booth. **Remember, the booth is the procedure area.**
- FORMS AND PAPERWORK:** You are required to have all necessary forms and documents to perform body art. These forms include but are not limited to: Client Consent; Medical History; Aftercare Instructions; Client Procedure Log; and/or separate Procedure Log to **document the use of single-use instruments;** single-use instrument invoice; jewelry mill certifications; autoclave sterilization logs, etc.
- WASH YOUR HANDS:** It is your responsibility! Thoroughly wash your hands with the **soap and water** and properly dry them with clean paper towels just prior to and after **every procedure**. Each booth is provided with hand washing equipment or located near a hand washing station for hand washing purposes.
- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** For every procedure, put on a **new disposable bib** or **lap pad**, and **clean disposable examination gloves**. If the gloves are compromised either by touching objects outside of the client and direct work station or develop a hole or rip, throw away that set, wash your hands and put on a new pair. If the gloves are removed before completion of the procedure, throw away that set, wash your hands and put on a new pair.
- TATTOO MACHINE:** "**Bag**" the tattoo machine as well as the power cord with a disposable plastic sheath. Discard the plastic sheath after the completion of each procedure. Inspect and clean the machine after use.
- SINGLE- USE:** Needles, ink caps, gloves, aprons, paper towels, dental bibs, cord covers, machine bags, plastic wrap, stencils, marking pens or other coverings for chairs and workstations shall be single use. Document the use of disposable instruments such as needle tubes in peel packs on the client procedure log, along with the date and name of the practitioner. Maintain instrument purchase records by the practitioner/tattoo company of use. **Jewelry** shall be pre-sterilized in individual peel packs.

- REUSABLE INSTRUMENTS:** Reusable instruments must be presterilized in peel packs. The peel pack must have the date of sterilization and the initials of person who completed the sterilization load.
- SOILED INSTRUMENTS** After the procedure, place soiled instruments in a hard plastic container with a leak resistant lid. Clearly label the container with the contents (i.e. soiled or dirty instruments) and use for the direct transfer of the instruments for the Decontamination and Sterilization Station.
- DISINFECTION AND DECONTAMINATION:** Clean and disinfect any surfaces and objects in the work station that have been in contact with the client or materials utilized during the procedure with an industry standard disinfectant. Items include, but are not limited to: arm rests, chairs, tables, trays, tattoo machines etc.
- SHARPS WASTE:** A properly labeled container for sharps waste must be provided by the event organizer. Dispose of all used needles, razors, and other sharps waste in the sharps container. Locate the sharps container within arm's reach of the practitioners. Return the sharps container to the event organizer for disposal at the conclusion of the event.
- NO ANIMALS:** No animals shall be allowed in the procedure area or the decontamination and sterilization area except for service animals, as defined by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.