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Dear Professional Hairdressers, Barbers, Hair Braiders, Estheticians, Manicurists, Instructors, Tattooists, Body Piercers, Permanent Cosmetic Colorists, Apprentices, and Students:

Governor Mike Dunleavy has release Health Mandate 9.1 requiring all businesses and services providers licensed and regulated by this Board to close and stop providing services until further notice. This is a drastic however necessary action to help assist in flattening the curve of COVID-19 infections in Alaska.

The mandate and other COVID-19 information can be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/03232020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-009.pdf>

Apprentices, student, and Instructors, please be aware that 25% of theory training may be done in a distance education setting. Please refer to your specific curriculum for more information.

We ask for your cooperation in this health mandate, not only because it is a mandate, it is the altruistic response to this situation. Please help keep each other and your community safe.

Please remember that working from anywhere other than a licensed shop, salon, or school has always been illegal. During this time, we ask that you please respect issued health mandates and take the situation seriously.

Financial hardship may be the most difficult and stressful part of this pandemic for you. We understand this, and would like to offer a few websites that might offer small business loans and financial advice for those that are self-employed.

Those websites can be found here: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/CBPLCOVID-19Information.aspx>

The board will also continue to add updates to their website:
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofBarbersHairdressers.aspx>

We are all in this together; every one of us has been affected by COVID-19 in one way or another.

We appreciate your cooperation during this time and for the foreseeable future.

RESPECTFULLY,
BOARD OF BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS
[Board of Barbers and Hairdressers Website](#)



Governor Michael J. Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

**** COVID-19 HEALTH MANDATE ****

Issued: March 23, 2020

By: Governor Mike Dunleavy
Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing its ninth health mandate based on the authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

Given the increasing concern for new cases of COVID-19 around Alaska, Governor Mike Dunleavy and the State of Alaska are issuing the following mandate to go into effect March 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of this mandate is to limit all close contacts (people outside of a family unit) to be farther than six feet from each other to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Mandate 9.1 – State of Alaska - Personal Care Services and Gatherings

1. All businesses, congregations, or gatherings in the State of Alaska, where individuals are within six feet of each other must stop all operations. This includes:
 - a. Hair salons
 - b. Day spas and esthetics locations
 - c. Nail salons
 - d. Barber shops
 - e. Tattoo shops
 - f. Body piercing locations
 - g. Massage therapy locations
 - h. Tanning facilities
2. Additionally, no gatherings of more than 10 people may take place, and if a gathering does take place people must be six feet apart from each other.
3. This Mandate prohibits the delivery of services in any of the above business locations by individuals holding licenses issued by the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers and Board of Massage Therapists.
4. This Mandate prohibits operations for rolfing, reiki, acupuncture, acupressure, and similar services.
5. This Mandate prohibits licensed massage therapist services spas.
6. This Mandate prohibits business operations to continue at tanning facilities.
7. The prohibitions in this Mandate apply to services that may be delivered in the customer's home or in the home of the licensee.
8. This order shall take effect March 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and remain in full force and effect until the Governor rescinds or modifies the order.

This mandate does not include urgent, and emergent health care needs, nor health care facilities; however, health care facilities must do risk assessment screening prior to entering the facility.