

Hair Removal

(including Waxing, Sugaring, Threading)

In addition to *General and Operational Requirements*

Before the Services:

- Inspect the skin. Do not treat inflamed, broken or infected skin or skin with a rash.
- Perform Hand Hygiene.

You do not have to see blood or body fluids on instruments for an infection to occur.

Equipment:

- All products (e.g. wax, suger, thread, powder, etc.) must be dispensed in a manner that does not contaminate the remaining portion. These products cannot be re-used.
- Used wooden applicators or spatulas must never be stored on top of the wax pots as the drippings may contaminate the remaining wax. **Never double-dip!**
- Individual cartridges used to roll wax onto the skin must be discarded after each client.
- Equipment and instruments that cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected between clients must be single-use (e.g. wooden applicators, cotton balls, swabs, muslin cloths, tissues, thread, etc.).
- Re-usable equipment and instruments must be cleaned and then disinfected between clients - refer to *Cleaning , Disinfection & Sterilization Flowchart*.
Examples: tweezers, scissors, reusable roller heads - intermediate to high level disinfection
chairs, headrests, magnifying lamp/light source - low level disinfection
- Single-use paper liner or clean linen can be used to cover the surface of the waxing table/bed. The paper liner or clean linen must be removed and discarded (lined can be laundered) after each use and the surface of the table/bed must be cleaned and low level disinfected at the end of the day or after each client if direct contact with surface occurred.
- All clean instruments, devices and items must be stored in a clean and sanitary manner (e.g. covered containers, covered wax, etc.) when not in use.
- **All instruments/devices/items that are contaminated with blood or body fluids must be high level disinfected - refer to *Disinfection Chart* and *Preparing Household Bleach as a Disinfectant* poster.**



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Information available in accessible formats.

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