



Health
Department

COSMETIC SAMPLING GUIDELINES

Cosmetic sampling must be conducted in a safe and sanitary manner at all times to reduce the risk of transmission of blood borne and other types of infections for both clients and personal service workers (PSWs). Bacteria, viruses and other pathogens of concern can potentially grow on cosmetic products and can be transmitted from one person to another. In order to reduce the likelihood of this from happening, the following requirements must be followed for all operators who wish to provide samples of their products to the public.

A PERSON CAN SPREAD GERMS EVEN IF THEY DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE THEM.

- Prepare only limited portions of products for sampling in single-use disposable containers at any given time. Single-use disposable items must not be re-used. Ensure an adequate supply of single-use disposable items is on-site. Discard any unused samples at the end of the day.
- All products (i.e. creams, lotions, etc.) must be dispensed in a manner that does not contaminate the remaining portion (i.e. use pumps and single-use disposable applicators).
- All clean items, instruments and equipment must be stored in a sanitary manner (i.e. clean covered containers etc.) when not in use.
- Each operation that provides samples must have a lined waste container for the disposal of single-use items and other waste products.
- Clients **must** apply their own samples of products (The worker should not touch the client at any point during the sampling demonstration).
- In the absence of a handsink and appropriate supplies of hot and cold running water, dispensable liquid soap, and single-use disposable paper towels; the operator must provide moist towelettes and a minimum of 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer for proper hand hygiene.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SEE BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS ON ITEMS FOR AN INFECTION TO OCCUR

- Please be advised, if you intend on performing any other personal services procedure(s) such as chemical peels, micro-dermabrasion, facials, manicures, pedicures, hairdressing, hair removal/waxing, ear piercing etc., the requirements of the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-term Care (MOHLTC) ***Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices for Personal Services Settings, January 2009***, document will apply. The owner(s)/operator(s) shall immediately notify and obtain approval from the Durham Region Health Department prior to any personal services procedures.

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