



INFECTION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

Y	N	N/A		Y	N	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hands are washed before and after each client/treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved sharps container(s) used for the safe disposal of disposable shares (e.g. razor blades, needles, lancets)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gloves used and changed between clients or as needed; frequent hand-washing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular spore testing is conducted and records are maintained
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New sterilized, single use needles used for each client and discarded after use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tattoo area is covered with sterile non-stick dressing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean outer garments worn by tattoo operator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Autoclave sterilizer is used
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal service operator protects eyes, nose, mouth and uncovered skin when contact from blood and body fluids is a possibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sterilized equipment stored in plastic peel packs (swabs, scissors, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pigments, lotions and ointments are dispensed into single use capsules and discarded after each client	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clients provided written and verbal aftercare instructions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skin cleansed with soap and swabbed with an antiseptic before tattooing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General precautions taken to prevent contact with blood or body fluids (see HealthLink BC File #97)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disposable razors used and discarded after each client	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operator immunized against Hepatitis B & Tetanus (recommended)

SANITATION & MAINTENANCE

Y	N	N/A		Y	N	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work area is clean, tidy, free of clutter and well lit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work surfaces low level disinfected (e.g. 1:500 dilution bleach to water)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floors, walls, counters, and equipment are clean, sanitary, pest-free and in good repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ultrasonic cleaner used and solution discarded after each client
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment protected from blood splatter by plastic bags or plastic wrap and replaced after each client				

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Y	N	N/A		Y	N	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All surfaces are constructed of smooth, non-absorbent and non-porous material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Separate areas away from procedure areas and washroom facilities for cleaning and disinfecting instruments/equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required supplies for service are available and within easy reach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Backflow prevention devices installed where needed; no cross-connections
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handwash sink(s) located near the work area(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Informed Consent form provided to clients
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handwash sink(s) supplied with hot and cold running water, liquid soap in a dispenser and single-use hand towels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Informed Consent form for minors should be signed in the presence of tattooing facility operator and a copy provided to parent
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Premise equipped with sink(s) for cleaning of equipment and instruments				

Table 1: List of Disinfectants Used

	Low Level Disinfectant	Intermediate Level Disinfectant	High Level Disinfectant	Sterilization Method
Trade Name				
Active Ingredient				
Minimum Contact Time				

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Table 2: Disinfection Levels & Examples of Commonly Used Product Trade Names

Level of Sterilization or Disinfection	Examples of Trade Names
Sterilization	Statim Autoclave; Prestige Autoclave; Pelton and Crane Autoclave; MDT Chemiclave
High-Level Disinfection	Cidex OPA, MetriCide; Accel CS 20 7%; Rapicide PA ; Steris 20, Steris Resert, HLD 5; Optim CS 20; Sporox; 6.15% Ultra Clorox Professional bleach (5000 ppm)
Intermediate-Level Disinfection	BioMERS, BioSURF, BM-6400, Instrubex-E, SEPTeFX, tbMinuteman, T ³ 6 Disinfex, AccelTB 5.25-6.15% household bleach (1000ppm)
Low-Level Disinfection	Barbicide, Marvicide, Zepamine-A, Environ™ LpH™, Lysol chemicals, Virox 5 concentrate, Carpe Diem, Supergermiphene, Quat based antiseptic towelettes, Virox 5, Accel Surface cleaner, Germicide-3 Disinfectant Cleaner, Cavicide, BioTEXT, Gamut Plus, 7D TEXT 5.25-6.15% household bleach (100ppm)

Source: Guidelines for Personal Service Establishments – July 2012 Health Protection Branch, Ministry of Health

Table 3: Preparing Household Bleach as a Disinfectant

Disinfection Level Required	When to Use	*How to Mix Bleach Solution
HIGH LEVEL 1:10 dilution of bleach** (1 part bleach: 9 parts water) ≥ 5000 ppm Must have DIN and indicate HLD on label.	SEMI-CRITICAL Instrument/equipment that comes into contact with non-intact skin or mucous membrane but ordinarily does not penetrate it Note: Also used to clean surfaces following contact with blood or body fluids or where sterilization is not possible.	100 ml bleach with 900 ml water; makes one liter of solution Or ½ cup. bleach with 4 cups water
INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1:50 dilution of bleach** (1 part bleach: 49 parts water) ≥ 1000 ppm	SOME NON-CRITICAL Instrument/equipment that, during routine use, only contact intact skin, but may accidentally contact non-intact skin or receive blood or bodily fluid splatter	20 ml bleach with 980 ml water makes one liter of solution Or 4 tsp. bleach with 4 cups water
LOW LEVEL 1:500 dilution of bleach** (1 part bleach: 499 parts water) ≥ 100 ppm	NON-CRITICAL Instrument/equipment that does not directly contact the client or that contacts only intact skin during routine use Note: These items do not contact blood or body fluids. May be used for routine housekeeping.	5 ml bleach with 2 ½ L water Or 1 tsp. bleach with 10 cups water

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Table 4: Disinfection/Sterilization Levels For Common Tattooing Studio Instruments/Equipment

*Single-Use Disposable Items Discard after Use	Low-Level Disinfection for Non-critical Item(s)	Intermediate- Level Disinfection for Non-critical Item(s)	High-Level Disinfection for Semi-critical Item(s)	Sterilization for Critical Item(s)
Single-use needles; metal tube; needle bar & grip; disposable ink caps & leftover ink; liquid & cups for rinsing between colors; stencils	Treatment beds; client chairs; benches; table; neck & arm rests; tattoo motor frame; buttons; knobs; cords; lamp handles; equipment trays/ surfaces; dirty-instrument container; spray bottle	Tattoo machine	Ink cap holders; pigment containers; ink trays; chuck/clamp	Re-usable ink caps; re-usable needle bar & grips; needle bar with new needles soldered on (if re-using); metal tube

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Additional Notes: _____