

Hello LPNs,

Following numerous conversations that we have had with the Ministry of Health, and the issuance of a [Public Health order dated May 3, 2020](#), we are pleased to offer updated information regarding LPN provided foot care and therapeutic services provided at a medical spa.

Effective today, May 4, 2020, LPNs will be allowed to offer foot care services from their private practice (Independent Practice business). Also, LPNs that work at a medical spa that offers therapeutic treatments, and works with a physician in this setting, will be allowed to resume this practice today. All provision of cosmetic services will be restricted to Phase Three.

Before you resume your practice, several factors must be considered and managed:

1. Nursing services are generally not able to fit within the two-meter guideline for physical distancing that is still required during this pandemic. Section 1. (b) of the order states, in part: "In the event that a critical public service or allowable business service is unable to maintain 2 meter distancing, other measures such as self-monitoring of personal health or supervision by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace shall be applied."
2. Foot care
 - a. All maintenance foot care treatments may resume as per existing SALPN guidelines.
 - b. For existing clients that may present with any new condition, a referral to and an order from an authorized practitioner (nurse practitioner, physician, podiatrist) will be required before treatment may be initiated.
 - c. For new clients that require an invasive treatment or procedure, a referral to and an order from an authorized practitioner (nurse practitioner, physician, podiatrist) will be required before treatment may be initiated.
 - d. Additional PPE and Infection Control measures are required to decrease the possible spread of infection (see number 4 below).
 - e. If you are required to enter a client's home to provide service:
 - i. You should use a [screening tool](#) over the phone to determine the client's risk for COVID-19.
 - ii. If the client is at risk for COVID-19, follow the directions on the screening tool.
 - iii. Once you have decided it is safe to enter the home, you should do so only if you have adequate PPE (see number 4 below).
 - iv. A second assessment should be done with the client to screen for COVID-19 upon entering the client's home.
 - f. If the client is coming to your home or business for service:
 - i. You should use a [screening tool](#) over the phone to determine the client's risk for COVID-19.
 - ii. If the client is at risk for COVID-19, follow the directions on the screening tool.
 - iii. Clients should be required to stay home if they are feeling unwell or displaying any cold or flu-like symptoms.
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 - iv. Once you have determined it is safe for the client to attend the appointment, the client may proceed to the appointment.
 - v. A second assessment should be done with the client once they arrive to screen for COVID-19.
3. Medical Spa
 - a. Public access is permitted to medical spas for therapeutic services provided by a licensed medical practitioner for Saskatchewan residents.
 - i. The Ministry of Health has defined a licensed medical practitioner to include licensed practical nurses.
 - b. A discussion should occur with your employer regarding the specific details of the services being provided.
 - c. Screening tools should be used to assess the client's health status before they arrive for their appointment and again when they physically arrive at your facility.
 - d. Clients should be required to stay home if they are feeling unwell or displaying any cold or flu-like symptoms.
 - e. Increased infection control measures must be in place (see number 4 below).
 - f. All cosmetic services will be restricted until Phase Three.
4. PPE and Infection Control
 - a. Guidelines for environmental cleaning and disinfection are contained within the [ReOpen Saskatchewan](#) plan, beginning on page 11.
 - i. These guidelines do not replace your standards for Infection Prevention and Control.
 - b. Information on PPE is available in the guidance documents for personal services and medical professionals, as well as the PPE guidance document within the [ReOpen Saskatchewan](#) plan on page 16 and the [Gov't of Sask website](#).
 - c. Self-employed LPNs will need to obtain their personal protective equipment through local or online suppliers.
 - d. LPNs working directly with asymptomatic clients should wear droplet PPE, including a procedural/surgical mask and eye protection. Workplaces should have protocols for donning and doffing PPE, as well as for instructions for proper disposal.
 - e. You should ensure that you have access to tissues, no-touch trash receptacles, hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number), disinfectants, and disposable towels.
 - f. All workers, especially those in contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the self-assessment tool available at saskatchewan.ca/COVID19.

If you have any questions regarding this advisement or any other practice concerns, please contact Kari Pruden, Professional Practice Standards and Ethics Consultant, SALPN, by email at kpruden@salpn.com.

Additional Resources:

[COVID-19 Workplace Information](#)

[COVID-19 Appropriate Use of PPE for Employers](#)

[COVID-19 Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection - Information for Public Facilities \(Updated April 3, 2020\)](#)

[Government of Canada COVID-19 health product industry](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan COVID-19](#)

[Q&A for Employers: Role of Public Health in COVID-19 Case and Contact Follow-up \(April 12, 2020\)](#)

[Questions and Answers on COVID-19 Leaves in the Workplace and OHS \(April 13, 2020\)](#)

[Re-open Saskatchewan Plan: Employment Standards and Occupational Health and Safety Q&A \(April 29\)](#)

[Risk-informed decision-making guidelines for workplaces during COVID-19 \(Government of Canada\)](#)

[Screening tools](#) from the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority

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Thank you,
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