

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
Department For Public Health
Division of Public Health Protection and Safety
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902 KAR 45:070. Body piercing and ear piercing.

RELATES TO: KRS ~~{194A.050, 211.005, 211.015, 211.025, 383.085, }~~387.010, 508.125,
28 C.F.R. 36.104, 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.050(1), 211.760

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 194A.050(1) requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to operate programs and fulfill the responsibilities vested in the cabinet. KRS 211.760(2) requires nonmedical persons who engage in or carry on any business of body piercing to register with a local health department. KRS 211.760(3) requires the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations relating to places of business that provide body piercing or ear piercing, the equipment used in body piercing and ear piercing, the control of disease, parental consent for body piercing or ear piercing, the age restrictions for body piercing, and other matters necessary to protect public health: ~~(a) health and cleanliness of places of business; (b) sterilization of body piercing instruments and equipment; (c) procedures to prevent the spread of disease; (d) procedures to prevent body piercing of minors without the written notarized consent of a custodial parent or legal guardian; and~~ (e) other administrative regulations as may be necessary to protect public health. This administrative regulation establishes the standards for body piercing and ear piercing~~required by KRS 211.760(3)~~.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Antiseptic" means a substance applied to the skin that reduces the number of microorganisms.
- (2) "Autoclave" means a device intended to sterilize products by means of pressurized steam.
- (3) "Blood" is defined by 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030.
- (4) "Bloodborne pathogen training" means training that meets the requirements established in 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030.
- (5) "Body piercer" means a person registered by the local health department ***to engage in body piercing or ear piercing***.
- (6) "Body piercing" is defined by KRS 211.760(1)(a).
- (7) "Contaminated" ~~is defined by 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030~~~~means the presence of or reasonably expected presence of blood or other potentially infectious material in or on the surface of an item~~.
- (8) "Contaminated sharps" is defined by 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030.
- (9) ~~"Contaminated waste" means any material to be disposed of that has been soiled by blood or other potentially infectious material in the process of body piercing.~~
- ~~{(10)}~~ "Disinfectant" means a product that is tuberculocidal and registered with the federal Environmental Protection Agency as indicated on the label for use in disinfection.
- ~~{(11)}~~ ~~"Ear piercing" means a process by which the lobe or outer perimeter of the ear is pierced by use of a hand-pressured instrument utilizing presterilized earrings.~~
- (10) ~~{(12)}~~ "Ear piercing instrument" or "piercing instrument" means a hand-pressured instrument, which does not make contact with the client, utilizing encapsulated presterilized earrings used exclusively for piercing the lobe of the ear.
- (11) ~~{(13)}~~ "Handwashing" means the act of cleaning the hands for the purpose of removing dirt, soil, or microorganisms through the use of soap, warm water, and friction.

(12) ~~[(14)]~~ "Instrument" means any body-piercing implement that comes into contact with blood or skin to be pierced, such as needles, needle tubes, forceps, hemostats, tweezers, or other implements used to puncture or pierce the human body.

(13) ~~[(15)]~~ "Jewelry" means any personal ornament or decoration inserted into a newly-pierced area.

(14) "Limited ear piercing" means piercing only the lobe of the ear with an ear piercing instrument.

(15) ~~[(16)]~~ "Minor" is defined by KRS 387.010(1).

(16) ~~[(17)]~~ "Mobile studio" means a body-piercing studio that is designed to be readily movable.

(17) ~~[(18)]~~ "Purchased presterilized" means jewelry or instruments~~[procedure set-ups]~~ that are sold individually packaged, processed, and marked with a sterilization lot number, and expiration date to render them free of all microorganisms.

(18) ~~[(19)]~~ "Registration" means the issuance of a document by the local health department to a body piercer or ear piercer authorizing the person named in the document to engage in the business of body piercing or ear piercing.

(19) "Regulated waste" is defined by 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030.

(20) "Service animal" is defined by 28 C.F.R. 36.104.

(21) "Sterilization" means a validated process used to render a product free from viable microorganisms.

(22) "Studio" means a facility as defined by KRS 211.760(1)(b).

(23) "Studio certificate~~[certification]~~" means the issuance of a document by the local health department to a studio owner certifying that the studio, after inspection, was in compliance with the applicable provisions of this administrative regulation.

(24) "Studio owner" means:

- (a) An owner of a facility where body piercing or ear piercing is conducted;
- (b) A sole proprietor who performs body piercing or ear piercing; or
- (c) A person who employs body piercers or ear piercers.

(25) "Temporary permit" means a permit to operate at a fixed location for no more than seven (7) calendar days~~, and~~ that:

- (a) Is nontransferable; and
- (b) Cannot be renewed for ninety (90) days after the expiration.

(26) "Ultrasonic cleaner" means a device that transmits high-energy, high-frequency sound waves into a fluid-filled container, used to remove deposits from instruments and appliances.

Section 2. Registration.

(1) A person shall not act as or engage in the business of body piercing or ear piercing unless registered with the local health department in the district or county where the person is to body pierce or perform ear piercing.

(2) All body piercing or ear piercing shall be under the authority~~[auspices]~~ of a Kentucky certified studio.

(3) A body piercer or ear piercer shall not engage in the act of piercing unless that person has proof of completion of bloodborne pathogen training.

(4) The body piercer or ear piercer shall maintain documentation of completion of bloodborne pathogen training at the studio.

(5) An applicant for registration shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of application.

(6) An applicant for registration shall submit to the local health department in the district or county where the applicant intends to perform body piercing or ear piercing:

- (a) A completed DFS-303, Application for Certification or Registration, incorporated by reference in 902 KAR 45:065;

- (b) Payment of \$100 registration fee; and
 - (c) Proof of completion of approved bloodborne pathogen training as required by subsection (3) of this section.
- (7) The body piercer or ear piercer registration shall be:
- (a) Mailed to the owner of the Kentucky certified studio listed on the application for registration;
 - (b) Prominently displayed to the public in the workstation; and
 - (c) Nontransferable from:
 - 1. One (1) person to another;~~ff~~ or
 - 2. ~~ffrom~~ One (1) district or county to another.
- (8) A registration shall be valid for one (1) calendar year and expire on December 31st of each year.
- (9) A late renewal fee of fifty (50) dollars shall be assessed on each body piercer or ear piercer certification renewal application not received by January 31st each year.

Section 3. Studio Certification.

- (1) A person shall not engage in the business of body piercing or ear piercing unless the owner of the facility holds a studio certificate~~[certification]~~ issued by the local health department in the district or county where the person is to body pierce or perform ear piercing.
- (2) A holder of a studio certificate~~[certification]~~ issued under this administrative regulation shall not allow a person to engage in body piercing or ear piercing unless the individual is registered in accordance with Section 2 of this administrative regulation.
- (3) An application for a studio certificate~~[certification]~~ shall be:
- (a) On DFS-200, Application for Permit or License, ***incorporated by reference in 902 KAR 45:065, and*** available at <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dafm/gendocs/DFS200.pdf>, ~~incorporated by reference in 902 KAR 45:065~~;
 - (b) Submitted to the local health department in the district or county where the studio is located; and
 - (c) Accompanied by an annual inspection fee of:
 - 1. \$400 for a body piercing studio with one (1) to four (4) work stations;
 - 2. \$200 for an ear piercing studio with one (1) to four (4) work stations; and
 - 3. An additional fifty dollars (\$50) for each additional work station over four (4).
- (4) A studio certificate~~[certification]~~ shall not be issued or renewed unless the studio has been inspected and found to be in compliance with the provisions of this administrative regulation.
- (5) A studio certificate~~[certification]~~ shall be:
- (a) Prominently displayed to the public in the studio; and
 - (b) Nontransferable from:
 - 1. One (1) person to another;~~ff~~ or
 - 2. ~~ffrom~~ One (1) location to another.
- (6) The studio certificate~~[certification]~~ shall be valid for one (1) calendar year and expire December 31st each year.
- (7) A late renewal fee of one-half (1/2) the annual inspection fee shall be assessed on each studio registration renewal application not received by January 31st each year.

Section 4. Studio Requirements.

- (1) A studio shall:
- (a) Be kept clean and in good repair;
 - (b) Be free of insect and rodent infestation;
 - (c) Store only items necessary to its operation and maintenance;
 - (d) Provide artificial light of at least twenty (20) foot-candles;

- (e) Be well ventilated;
 - (f) Not permit the presence of an animal in the studio, except for a service animal;
 - (g) Not use a room otherwise used as living or sleeping quarters;
 - (h) Use a solid, self-closing door to separate living or sleeping quarters from the business operation;
 - (i) Have convenient, clean, and sanitary toilet and handwashing facilities for the use of clientele with liquid soap, single-use paper towels from a sanitary dispenser or air dryer, a covered waste receptacle, and a self-closing door;
 - (j) Be organized to keep clean areas separate from contaminated areas;
 - (k) Have a utility sink that shall only be used to wash contaminated instruments;
 - (l) Use, clean, and maintain equipment according to manufacturers' recommendations;
 - (m) Use an approved disinfectant;
 - (n) Have plumbing sized, installed, and maintained in accordance with 815 KAR Chapter 20;
 - (o) Have sufficient potable water supply for the needs of the studio provided from a source constructed, maintained, and operated pursuant to the applicable requirements established in 401 KAR Chapter 8; and
 - (p) Dispose of sewage by connection to:
 1. A public sewer system, if available; or
 2. A private sewer system designed, constructed, and operated pursuant to the requirements of 401 KAR Chapter 5 and 902 KAR Chapter 10.
- (2) A workstation shall:
- (a) Have nonporous, smooth, easy-to-clean floors and walls;
 - (b) Have surfaces, including counters, cabinets, chairs, and dispensers, composed of smooth, nonporous material able to withstand repeated cleaning and disinfecting;
 - (c) Be kept clean, organized, and in good repair;
 - (d)
 1. Have all product containers clearly labeled with common product name in English; and
 2. If filling a product container from a larger bulk container, retain the original container on the premises;
 - (e) Have at least sixty (60) square feet of floor space with permanent walls a minimum of four (4) feet high between workstations;
 - (f) Have 100 foot-candles of light at the procedure level;
 - (g) Have unimpeded access to a hand sink;
 - (h) Have a sink for each body piercer with hot and cold water, delivered by a faucet, operated by wrist, knee, or foot action, or other hands-free method;
 1. Each sink shall be supplied with:
 - a. Liquid soap; and
 - b. Single use paper towels dispensed from a sanitary dispenser; and
 2. A hand sink shall not be used for any other purpose;
 - (i) Be designated as a body piercing workstation, and shall not be used for any other purpose;
 - (j) Have plastic or metal waste receptacles:
 1. With or without a lid; and
 2. If the waste receptacle has a lid, the lid shall be foot operated; and
 - (k) Have a container for disposable sharps that:
 1. Is rigid, puncture proof, and leak proof on sides and bottom;
 2. Is closeable and sealable; and
 3. If sealed, is leak resistant and incapable of being opened without great difficulty.

Section 5. Cleaning and Sterilization.

- (1) A studio using any reusable instruments, materials, or supplies may have a one (1) room or two (2) room cleaning and sterilization arrangement.
 - (a) A two (2) room arrangement shall have:
 1. One (1) room for contaminated items, equipped with:
 - a. A utility sink with minimum dimensions of 18 in. x 18 in. x 12 in.;
 - b. A hand sink;
 - c. A presoak container;
 - d. An ultrasonic cleaner; and
 - e. Autoclaving packaging materials; and
 2. A second room that contains an~~for~~ autoclave for sterilization of instruments, equipment, and body jewelry or decorations.
 - (b) A one (1) room cleaning and sterilization process shall be arranged to provide two (2) distinct areas.
 1. The ultrasonic cleaner shall be as far away as possible from the autoclave to prevent contamination of sterile instruments, equipment, jewelry, or other items.
 2. The cleaning area shall be equipped in accordance with paragraph (a)1. of this subsection.
 3. Nonporous barriers may be utilized to delineate the two (2) distinct areas.
- (2) A body piercer that shares a certified studio with a tattoo artist shall have a dedicated ultrasonic cleaner for cleaning body piercing instruments or equipment.
- (3) A studio that uses only presterilized~~pre-sterilized~~ disposable instruments, materials, and supplies shall not be required to have a separate room or area for autoclave, ultrasonic cleaner, and sterilization.
- (4) All instruments shall be disposable or be made of surgical implant stainless steel and shall have only rubber gripping that can be removed and sanitized on the handles.
- (5) Instruments shall be processed as follows:
 - (a) Soak contaminated reusable instruments in a covered container of cool water with detergent until ready to be cleaned and sterilized;
 - (b) Wash hands and forearms;
 - (c) Use disposable, single-use gloves, such as examination or surgical gloves;
 - (d) Prepare the ultrasonic cleaner according to manufacturer's instructions;
 - (e) Take instruments apart and rinse in warm water;
 - (f) Load the ultrasonic cleaner and process according to manufacturer's recommendations, disposing of the ultrasonic cleaner liquid after each use;
 - (g) Wash hands and forearms;
 - (h) Wearing examination gloves, remove instruments from the ultrasonic cleaner, rinse with clean water, and allow to air dry; and
 - (i) Store cleaned instruments in a labeled, covered, nonporous container until packaged for sterilization.
- (6) Sterilization equipment. Equipment used to sterilize instruments shall ~~meet the following requirements~~:
 - (a) Be ~~The equipment was~~ sold as sterilizing equipment for medical instruments;
 - (b) Be ~~The equipment is~~ used, cleaned, and maintained to manufacturer's instructions; and
 - (c) Meet ~~The equipment meets~~ the minimum requirements for sterilization.
- (7) Reusable instruments.
 - (a) Reusable instruments that come in contact~~placed in contact~~ with skin that is body pierced shall be cleaned and sterilized;
 - (b) Disinfection shall not be used in place of cleaning and sterilization; and
 - (c) Liquid sterilants shall not be used for sterilization of reusable instruments.
- (8) Instrument sterilization. Instruments that come in contact with~~pierce~~ the skin shall be sterilized as follows:

- (a) Wash hands and forearms;
 - (b) Use clean disposable, single-use surgical or examination gloves;
 - (c) Package cleaned instruments individually in:
 - 1. Paper and plastic peel-packs with color change indicator; or
 - 2. Package as ~~setups~~~~[set-ups]~~ with color change indicator;
 - (d) Label with content, date, lot number, and preparer's initials;
 - (e) Load the autoclave~~[sterilizer]~~ and process according to manufacturer's directions;
 - (f) Remove the items from autoclave only when completely dry and cool;
 - (g) Store the items in a nonporous, clean, dry, labeled container, cabinet, or other place that is protected from dust and contamination; and
 - (h)
 - 1. Sterilized instruments shall be resterilized at intervals of no more than six (6) months from the date of the last sterilization; and
 - 2. New packaging shall be used when instruments are resterilized.
- (9) Sterilization equipment monitoring.
- (a) Sterilization equipment shall be tested:
 - 1. During the initial installation;
 - 2. After any major repair; and
 - 3. At least monthly by using a commercial biological monitoring system;
 - (b) Biological indicator test results for each sterilization unit used in the studio shall be kept on site, and made available for inspection at time of inspection; and
 - (c) Sterilization monitoring shall be noted on the sterilizer log.
- (10) Autoclave ~~[Sterilizer]~~ recordkeeping. An autoclave~~[A sterilizer]~~ log system shall be maintained for each sterilizer in the studio. For each sterilization cycle the following information shall be documented:
- (a) Date of load;
 - (b) Lot number;
 - (c) Preparer's name;
 - (d) The general contents of the load;
 - (e) The exposure time and temperature or the sterilizer recording chart or tape; and
 - (f) The results of the chemical indicator.

Section 6. Studio Owner Responsibilities. The owner of a certified studio shall:

- (1) Exclude a body piercer or ear piercer who is:
 - (a) Infected with a disease in a communicable form that can be transmitted by blood;
 - (b) A carrier of organisms that cause disease;
 - (c) Infected with a boil or an infected wound; or
 - (d) Diagnosed with an acute respiratory infection;
- (2) Report any accident involving exposure to body fluids to the local or district health department;
- (3) Receive, review, and distribute body piercer or ear piercer registrations for the piercer registered with~~[issued for employees of]~~ the certified studio. If the body piercer or ear piercer is no longer registered with~~[employed by]~~ the certified studio, the registration shall be returned to the district or local health department where the certified studio is located;
- (4) Maintain a record of all persons performing any activity within the studio that is regulated by the cabinet. The record shall include at a minimum the following information:
 - (a) Full name;
 - (b) Date of birth;
 - (c) Home address;
 - (d) Phone number;

- (e) Email address;
 - (f) Photograph of body piercer or ear piercer; and
 - (g) Complete description of all body piercing or ear piercing procedures performed by the body piercer or ear piercer;
- (5) Maintain a current copy of this administrative regulation at the studio for use by body piercers or ear piercers;
 - (6) Maintain an adequate supply of sterilized needles, instruments, jewelry, and other decorations for each piercer;
 - (7) Not resterilize or reuse single-use, disposable components;
 - (8) Maintain records in accordance with Section 8(3) of this administrative regulation;
 - (9) Maintain an accurate inventory of all purchased presterilized instruments and jewelry by name with the date purchased and the quantity on hand; and
 - (10) Maintain invoices for the purchase of all purchased presterilized instruments and jewelry.

Section 7. Piercing of Minors.

- (1) A person shall not:
 - (a) Perform any body piercing or ear piercing procedure on a minor without custodial parent or legal guardian~~[parental]~~ consent; and
 - (b) In accordance with KRS 508.125, perform any genital piercing on a female who is under eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) A minor shall be at least sixteen (16) years old with custodial parent or legal guardian consent prior to body piercing, with the exception of piercing the lobe of the ear.
- (3) Consent shall be provided by a written notarized statement that contains an official seal or assigned identification of notary.
- (4) The notarized statement shall contain:
 - (a) The printed name of the custodial parent or legal guardian;
 - (b) The government issued photo identification number of the custodial parent or legal guardian;
 - (c) The address and phone number of the custodial parent or legal guardian;
 - (d) The printed name of the minor child;
 - (e) The date of birth of the minor child;
 - (f) The government issued photo identification number of the minor child, if applicable;
 - (g) A statement that the custodial parent or legal guardian is fully aware of the body piercing procedure and gives their consent for the procedure to be performed;
 - (h) The signature of the custodial parent or legal guardian; and
 - (i) The date of the signature of the custodial parent or legal guardian.
- (5) The custodial parent or legal guardian~~[, and minor client]~~ shall complete the attestation requirements of Section 8(3)(g) of this administrative regulation.

Section 8. Client Information and Records.

- (1) Before receiving a body piercing or ear piercing, the client shall be provided written information that the piercing poses a risk of infection.
- (2) Before the body piercing or ear piercing, the client shall be provided written, verbal, or electronic aftercare instructions that include the following information:
 - (a) Information on the care of the site of the piercing;
 - (b) Instructions on possible side effects;
 - (c) Information on any restrictions;
 - (d) Information on signs and symptoms of infection; and
 - (e) Instructions to consult a physician if signs and symptoms of infection such as fever, excessive swelling, excessive redness, or drainage occur.

(3) A record of all clients who have received any body piercings or ear piercings shall be kept by the studio owner. The record shall include the following information:

- (a) Studio name and registration number;
 - (b) The date the procedure was performed;
 - (c) Client's name, date of birth, address, and phone number;
 - (d)
 - 1. Copy of client's government issued photo ID, if applicable; or
 - 2. Copy of custodial parent or legal guardian's government issued photo identification;
 - (e) Name of the body piercer or ear piercer who performed each procedure;
 - (f) The type, location, and description of the procedure; and
 - (g) An [Client's] attestation to the fact that the client:
 - 1. Is not intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and
 - 2. Has not ingested an anticoagulant that thins the blood or interferes with blood clotting within the past twenty-four (24) hours.
- (4) Records of each client shall be maintained for two (2) years. ~~[(5) Client records, and~~ consent and other required records shall be made readily available to inspectors.

Section 9. Disposal of Regulated~~[Contaminated]~~ Wastes. All wastes produced during the process of body piercing or ear piercing shall be separated for disposal into two (2) classifications as follows:

- (1) Contaminated sharps shall be disposed of by using a licensed medical waste disposal company; and
- (2) Regulated ~~[Contaminated]~~ waste shall be bagged, securely tied, and disposed of daily in a trash container that prevents unauthorized access. This material shall be disposed of in a site~~an~~ approved ~~site~~ by a general trash hauler.

Section 10. Standard Operating Procedures for Body Piercing.

- (1) Sterile jewelry shall be:
 - (a) Made of implant stainless steel, solid 14K or 18K white or yellow gold, niobium, titanium, or platinum;
 - (b) Free of scratches, nicks, or irregular surfaces; and
 - (c) Internally threaded or threadless.
- (2) Body piercing shall not be performed on skin that has a rash, pimples, evidence of infection, open lesions, or sunburn, or manifests any evidence of an unhealthy condition without written clearance by a licensed medical provider.
- (3) ~~[(2)]~~ The body piercer shall follow the procedures listed in this section in preparation for body piercing:
 - (a) The body piercer and the client shall not eat, drink, or use tobacco products, an electronic cigarette, or other vapor producing product in the workstation;
 - (b) The body piercer shall wash hands and forearms prior to and after every procedure;
 - (c) The body piercer shall wear new clean disposable examination gloves for every client. If a glove is pierced, torn, or contaminated in any way, or if there is an interruption in the body piercing, both gloves shall be removed immediately, discarded, hands and forearms washed, and new, clean examination gloves used;
 - (d) The body piercer shall wear clean clothing;
 - (e) All instruments, needles, jewelry, and items to be used in the procedure shall be placed on plastic film or on a plastic-backed towel;
 - (f) Only hollow needles shall be used for body piercing;
 - (g) Only presterilized jewelry shall be installed in a fresh piercing;
 - (h) ~~[Only sterile jewelry made of implant stainless steel, solid 14K or 18K white or yellow gold, niobium, titanium, or platinum and that is free of scratches, nicks, or~~

~~irregular surfaces, and internally threaded or threadless, shall be placed in newly pierced skin;~~

~~(i)~~ All single-use disposable items shall be placed on plastic film or on a ~~the~~ plastic backed towel and shall be discarded after each client including:

1. Corks;
2. Rubber bands;
3. Skin prepping materials;
4. Marking devices;
5. Dental bibs;
6. Tray covers;
7. Gauze; and
8. Applicators; and

~~(i)~~ The sharps container and waste receptacle shall be positioned within easy reach and in a manner to prevent contamination.

Section 11. Performance of Body Piercing. The body piercer shall use the procedure in this section when performing a body piercing:

- (1) Disinfect the chair or table, and tray;
- (2) Wash hands and forearms;
- (3) Use new disposable gloves and arrange all instruments and supplies to be used in the procedure on plastic film or on a clean, disposable plastic-backed towel within easy reach;
- (4) Position the client;
- (5) Clean the skin, mark the location of the piercing with a new, disposable marking device, and apply an antiseptic to the area to be pierced;
- (6) Remove and discard all materials used to prep the client, including gloves;
- (7) Wash hands and forearms and use new, clean ~~examination~~ gloves;
- (8) Hold or stabilize the tissue with sterile instruments only. Pierce the skin using a sterile, single-use piercing needle;
- (9) Immediately after use, place all needles, snip wires, or any other sharps into a sharps container;
- (10) When the body piercing is complete, answer any questions regarding the piercing and provide aftercare instructions to the client; and
- (11) Immediately after the client leaves the workstation, place contaminated instruments into a covered container that is labeled "contaminated instruments" and disinfect all surfaces that have come into contact with the client or the client's tissues, including the piercing tray, chair, or table.

Section 12. Standard Operating Procedures for Limited Ear Piercing.

- (1) A limited ~~An~~ ear piercing studio shall be exempt from Sections 5, 9(1), 10, and 11 of this administrative regulation.
- (2) Ear piercing studs and clasps shall not be used under any circumstances anywhere on the body other than the lobe of the ear.
- (3) An ear piercer shall:
 - (a) Be registered in accordance with Section 2 of this administrative regulation;
 - (b) Not allow any eating, drinking, or use of tobacco products, an electronic cigarette, or other vapor producing product in the area where ear piercing is conducted;
 - (c) Obtain consent for the procedure in accordance with Section 7 of this administrative regulation;
 - (d) Obtain client information in accordance with Section 8 of this administrative regulation;
 - (e) Wash their hands and forearms before and after each piercing is performed;

- (f) Wear new, clean disposable gloves for every client. If a glove is pierced, torn, or contaminated in any way, or if there is an interruption in the ear piercing, both gloves shall be removed immediately, discarded, hands and forearms washed, and new, clean examination gloves used;
 - (g) Wear clean clothing;
 - (h) Load presterilized, encapsulated cartridges for earrings into the ear piercing instrument without touching the cartridge, stud, or clasp;
 - (i) Answer any questions prior to performing an ear piercing;
 - (j) Clean the ear with an antiseptic towelette before the procedure and mark the location of the piercing with a single use disposable marking pen or a surgical marking pen sanitized by design such as an iodine-based or alcohol;
 - (k) Provide the client with instructions regarding aftercare; and
 - (l) Immediately after the client leaves the ear piercing area, thoroughly disinfect the piercing instrument with an approved disinfectant.
- (4) When not in use, the piercing instrument shall be stored in a cabinet or other place that is protected from dust and contamination.

Section 13. Standard Operating Procedures for a Mobile Studio.

- (1) An application for mobile studio certificate~~[certification]~~ shall be:
 - (a) On DFS-200, Application for Permit or License~~[-, incorporated by reference in 902 KAR 45:065]~~;
 - (b) Submitted to the local health department in the district or county where the mobile studio owner resides; and
 - (c) Accompanied by a fee of:
 - 1. \$400 for the studio with one (1) to four (4) workstations~~[work stations]~~; and
 - 2. An additional fifty dollars (\$50) for each additional workstation~~[work station]~~ over four (4).
- (2) The mobile studio certificate~~[certification]~~ shall be:
 - (a) Valid for statewide operation;
 - (b) Prominently displayed to the public in the mobile studio; and
 - (c) Nontransferable from one (1) person to another.
- (3) The mobile studio certificate shall expire December 31 each year.
- (4) A late renewal fee of \$100 shall be assessed on each mobile studio registration renewal application not received by January 31 each year.
- (5) If not currently registered in accordance with Section 2(6) of this administrative regulation, each body piercer and ear piercer shall be registered with the local health department in each district or county in which the studio is operated, and pay the appropriate fees.
- (6) The mobile studio shall be used exclusively for performing body or ear piercing. Habitation, cooking, and animals, except service animals, shall not be allowed in the mobile studio.
- (7) The mobile studio shall be inspected by the local health department prior to operation.
- (8) Any onboard~~[on-board]~~ restroom shall be supplied with hot and cold running water and shall be supplied with toilet paper, liquid soap,~~and~~ single-use paper towels from a sanitary dispenser, a covered waste receptacle, and a self-closing door.
- (9) If the vehicle lacks an onboard~~[on-board]~~ restroom, the owner shall not operate the studio unless it is within 200 feet of a public restroom with handwashing facilities.
- (10) All plumbing shall comply with the requirements of 815 KAR Chapter 20.
- (11)
 - (a) Each mobile studio shall have a potable water system under pressure.
 - (b) The system shall be of sufficient capability to furnish enough hot and cold water for handwashing, instrument cleaning, and sanitization pursuant to the requirements of this

administrative regulation.

(c) The water inlet shall be:

1. Located in a position that it will not be contaminated by waste discharge, road dust, oil, or grease; and
2. Provided with a transition connection of a size or type that will prevent its use for any other service.

(d) All water distribution pipes or tubing shall be constructed and installed in accordance with 815 KAR Chapter 20.

(e) Hoses, if used, shall bear the National Sanitation Foundation potable water (NSF-pw) mark and be fitted with a backflow prevention device.

(12)

(a) Each mobile studio shall have a permanently installed retention tank that is at least fifty (50) percent larger than the potable water supply tank.

(b) Wastewater shall be discharged into a public sewage system.

(c) Liquid wastewater shall not be discharged from the retention tank if the mobile studio is in motion.

(d) All connections on the vehicle for servicing the mobile studio waste disposal shall be of a different size or type than those used for supplying potable water to the mobile studio.

(e) The wastewater connection shall be located below the water connection to preclude contamination of the potable water system.

Section 14. Standard Operating Procedures for a Temporary Permit.

(1) At least thirty (30) days prior to the event date, the event organizer or studio owner for the event shall submit to the local health department in the district or county where the temporary studio is to be located:

(a) A DFS-200, Application for Permit or License, ***incorporated by reference in 902 KAR 45:065***, ~~incorporated by reference in 902 KAR 45:065~~, accompanied by a \$100 registration fee for each workstation;

(b) A layout of the event floor showing where body piercing and ear piercing will be performed;

(c) A list of all body piercers and ear piercers participating in the event that includes:

1. Name of body piercer or ear piercer;
2. Piercer's date of birth;
3. Home address;
4. Phone number;
5. Email address;
6. Proof of piercer completion of bloodborne pathogen training;
7. Studio name;
8. Studio address;
9. Studio owner name; and
10. Description of body piercing and ear piercing procedures to be performed at the event; and

(d) A copy of the client consent form to be used during the event.

(2) The event organizer or studio owner for the event shall be responsible for ensuring that the event is run in a manner that is safe for the body piercers, ear piercers, and the general public.

(3) Each participant who performs body or ear piercing shall bring enough presterilized instruments and supplies to last for the whole event.

(4) The event coordinator or studio owner shall:

(a) Provide a separate cleaning and sterilization room as a backup, unless only ~~presterilized~~~~pre-sterilized~~ disposables are used for the event;

- (b) Provide an approved autoclave that has certification of a negative spore test within thirty (30) days prior to the event;
 - (c) Arrange for ~~pickup~~~~[pick-up]~~ and disposal of ~~regulated~~~~[contaminated]~~ waste in accordance with Section 9 of this administrative regulation; and
 - (d) Ensure the cleaning and sterilization room, if used, is disinfected at the close of the event.
- (5) The temporary workstation shall meet the following minimum conditions:
- (a) Be at least 5 ft. x 10 ft., and be constructed in a manner to separate the body and ear piercer from the public in such a way as to protect the procedure area from contamination, and to prevent accidental exposure of the public to potentially-infectious materials created during piercing.
 - (b) Have a floor and sides that are smooth, nonporous, and easy to clean;
 - (c) Have at least 100 foot-candles of light available at the level where the piercing is conducted;
 - (d) Be supplied with an adequate supply of paper or plastic barrier film to protect equipment and any other item that needs to be protected to prevent cross-contamination; and
 - (e) Be equipped with a hand-wash facility that shall be:
 - 1.
 - a. A portable handwashing station; or
 - b. A minimum of a one (1) gallon container with a lever-type spigot, filled with warm potable water that:
 - (i) Is placed at least thirty (30) inches off the floor to allow for easy use;
 - (ii) Is supplied with a bucket to catch the wastewater; and
 - (iii) Has a minimum reserve of five (5) gallons of warm potable water available; and
 - 2. Is supplied with:
 - a. Liquid soap; and
 - b. Single use paper towels from a sanitary dispenser.
- (6) Waste water shall be disposed of into a public sewerage system, if available. If a public sewerage system is not available, disposal shall be made into a private system designed, constructed, and operated pursuant to the requirements of 401 KAR Chapter 5 and 902 KAR Chapter 10.

Section 15. Inspection of Studios.

- (1) The cabinet or the local or district health department shall inspect each body piercing studio at least twice per year and each ear piercing studio once per year and shall make as many additional inspections and reinspections as are necessary for the enforcement of this administrative regulation.
- (2)
 - (a) The cabinet or the local or district health department inspector shall record the inspection findings for body piercing studios on an inspection report form DFS-342, incorporated by reference in 902 KAR 45:065.
 - (b) The inspection report form shall:
 - 1. Summarize the requirements of this administrative regulation; and
 - 2. Set forth a weighted point value for each requirement.
- (3) The rating score of the studio shall be the total of the weighted point value for all violations, subtracted from 100.
- (4) The inspector shall provide the original inspection report to the certificate holder or designee. The findings shall:
 - (a) Set forth the specific violations if found; and

(b) Establish a period of time for the correction of the violations specified, pursuant to the provisions established in this paragraph.

1. If the rating score of the studio is eighty-five (85) or more, all violations of one (1) and two (2) point weighted items shall be corrected before the next routine inspection.

2. If the rating score of the studio is at least seventy (70) and not more than eighty-four (84), all violations of one (1) and two (2) point weighted items shall be corrected within a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

3. Regardless of the rating score of the studio, all violations of three (3) or four (4) point weighted items shall be corrected within ten (10) days.

4. If the rating score of the studio is less than seventy (70), the studio shall be issued a notice of intent to suspend the studio certification. The certification shall be suspended within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice unless a written request to an administrative conference is filed with the local or district health department within the ten (10) day period.

(5)

(a) The cabinet or local health department inspector shall record the findings for limited ear piercing studios on inspection report form DFS-253.

(b) The inspection report form shall summarize the requirements of this administrative regulation.

(c) The inspector shall provide the original of the inspection report to the certificate holder or designee.

(d) The findings shall set forth the specific violations if found.

(e) All violations shall be corrected within twenty-four (24) hours.

(6) Notices provided for under this administrative regulation shall be ~~deemed to have been~~ properly served if:

(a) The original inspection report form or other notice has been delivered personally to the certificate holder or person in charge; ~~or~~

(b) The notice has been sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the certificate holder.

(7) Failure to comply with any notice issued pursuant to the provisions of this administrative regulation may result in suspension or revocation of the studio certificate or the individual's registration.

(8) A temporary or mobile studio shall correct any violative conditions within twenty-four (24) hours.

Section 16. Suspension of Studio Certificates or Individual's Registration.

(1) The studio certificate or the individual's registration shall be suspended immediately upon notice to the holder if:

(a) The cabinet or the local or district health department has reason to believe that an imminent public health hazard exists;

(b) The studio certificate holder or registered individual has interfered with the cabinet or the local or district health department in the performance of its duties; or

(c) An inspection of a studio reveals a rating score of less than sixty (60).

(2) The studio certificate holder or individual registration holder whose certificate or registration has been suspended may request an administrative ~~conference~~hearing in accordance with 902 KAR 1:400.

(3) The cabinet or the local or district health department shall notify, in writing, the studio certificate holder or registered individual who fails to comply with a written notice issued under the provisions of this section, that the studio certificate or individual's registration shall be suspended at the end of ten (10) days following service of this notice unless a request for an administrative ~~conference~~hearing is requested.

~~[(4)] [A person whose studio certificate or individual registration has been suspended may, at any time, make application for a reinspection for the purpose of reinstatement of the certification or registration.]~~

Section 17. Revocation of a Studio Certificate or an Individual's Registration.

(1) For serious or repeated violations of any of the requirements of this administrative regulation, or for interference with agents of the cabinet or the local or district health department in the performance of its duties, a studio certificate or an individual's registration may be permanently revoked.

(2) Prior to this action, the cabinet or the local or district health department shall notify the studio certificate holder or registered individual, in writing, stating the reasons for which the studio certificate~~[certification]~~ or registration is subject to revocation and advising that the studio certificate~~[certification]~~ or registration shall be permanently revoked at the end of ten (10) days following service of the notice, unless a request for an administrative conference~~[hearing]~~ is filed with the cabinet by the certificate~~[certification]~~ or registration holder within the ten (10) day period.

(3) A studio certificate~~[certification]~~ or individual registration may be suspended for cause pending its revocation or an administrative hearing relative to the revocation.

~~Section 18. [Appeals. A certificate or registration holder or an applicant aggrieved by a decision of the cabinet or the local or district health department may request an administrative hearing in accordance with 902 KAR 1:400.]~~

~~[Section 19.]~~ Incorporation by Reference.

(1) DFS-253, "Limited Ear Piercing Studio Inspection Report", Rev. 01/23~~[2/19]~~, is incorporated by reference.

(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Kentucky Department for Public Health, Division of Public Health Protection and Safety, Public~~[Food]~~ Safety Branch, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dafm/Pages/lhddocuments.aspx?View=All&Title=Forms%20and%20Documents&Page=1>.

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