Huron Perth Public Health

Inspection Essentials

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Public health inspection updates and information for personal service setting (PSS) owners and operators, to ensure safe services are provided to clients and that your annual inspections remain successful.



Renovating, opening or adding new services to your business

As an owner and/or operator of a beauty salon, tattoo studio or other personal service establishment, you must follow requirements outlined in *Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 136/18: Personal Service Settings*.

If you are thinking of offering new services to clients, or of renovating or relocating your existing business, you must notify Huron Perth Public Health a minimum of **14 days** prior. This provides an opportunity for the public health inspector (PHI) to discuss any operational and structural changes required, and to ensure renovations or proposed new services comply with regulatory requirements.



Contacting HPPH early can help avoid unexpected or potentially costly changes once plans are underway or completed.

Tips for a successful PSS inspection

Purchasing new equipment/tools

Before purchasing any new tools or equipment for your business, contact your area PHI. Calling for a consult before making purchases will save you time and money.

PHIs will complete an assessment and discuss:

- potential regulatory and infection prevention and control requirements in *O. Reg. 136/18* and the *Guide to Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Service Settings, 3rd edition* from Public Health Ontario,
- manufacturer's instructions for use, and
- whether the new tool or equipment is allowed for use in Canada.

Do not purchase and use a disinfectant if:

- the active ingredient is not listed on the label, e.g., accelerated hydrogen peroxide, sodium hypochlorite
- the Drug Identification Number (DIN) or Natural Product Number (NPN) is not printed on the label
- the product is past the expiry date.

Documentation

As per *O. Reg 136/18*, all documentation and record keeping must be up to date and readily available for the PHI to review.

This includes:

- high level disinfectant change record
- documentation of incidents involving blood or bodily fluids
- documentation of all sterilizer cycle parameters and bi-weekly spore testing results
- written procedures and documentation of sterilizer breakdowns and corrective actions taken
- list of clients (including contact information)
- a documented cleaning schedule (recommended).

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Update contact information

Huron Perth Public Health occasionally sends important updates to personal service setting owners/operators. Please help us keep our contact list current so we can share information efficiently. If your facility contact information has changed, including owners, managers, supervisors, phone numbers or email addresses, please send the updated details to your area public health inspector or to inspections@hpph.ca.

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For more information, forms and resources, visit our Personal services settings page **www.hpph.ca/pss**

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