

Employer Guidance for Oklahoma's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan

Pet Care Businesses: Pet Groomers, Mobile Pet Grooming, and Training Schools

- **May reopen for appointments only beginning April 24, 2020**
- Should adhere to sanitation and disinfecting protocols and social distancing guidelines from the CDC.

Recommended Guidelines for Temperature Checks & Employer Policies

Pet Grooming Salons and Mobile Groomers should consider use of a touchless infrared thermometer to check the temperature of employees each day. Employees with a temperature above 100.4°F are recommended to be sent home until they have no fever and no evidence of COVID-19 symptoms. Employers should consider implementing flexible sick leave and supportive policies and practices for employees and consider needs of employees older than 65 years or in other vulnerable populations.

Sanitation & Disinfecting Guidelines

- You are encouraged to develop, implement, and maintain and revise a cleaning and disinfecting plan for your workplace.

Developing Your Plan

- Evaluate your business to determine what kinds of surfaces and materials make up that area. Most surfaces and objects will just need normal routine cleaning. Frequently touched surfaces and objects like light switches and doorknobs should be cleaned and then disinfected to further reduce the risk of germs on surfaces and objects.
 - First, clean the surface or object with soap and water.
 - Then, disinfect using an [EPA-approved disinfectant](#).
 - If an EPA-approved disinfectant is unavailable, you can use 1/3 cup of bleach added to 1 gallon of water, or 70% alcohol solutions to disinfect. Do not mix bleach or other cleaning and disinfection products together.

Determine What Needs to be Cleaned

- If your business has been unoccupied for 7 days or more, it will only need your normal routine cleaning to reopen the area. This is because the virus that causes COVID-19 has not been shown to survive on surfaces longer than this time.

Determine What Needs to be Disinfected

- Following your normal routine cleaning, you can disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects using a product from EPA's list of approved products that are effective against COVID-19.

- If you are cleaning or disinfecting a hard and non-porous material or item like glass, metal, or plastic, consult [EPA's list of approved products for use against COVID-19](#). Examples of high-touch areas that need to be disinfected are:
 - Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks, touch screens, and ATM machines.
- If you are cleaning or disinfecting a soft and porous material or items like carpet, rugs, or seating in areas, these soft and porous materials are generally not as easy to disinfect as hard and non-porous surfaces. EPA has listed a limited number of products approved for disinfection for use on soft and porous materials.
 - Soft and porous materials that are not frequently touched should only be cleaned or laundered, following the directions on the item's label, using the warmest appropriate water setting.

Implement Your Plan

- Clean visibly dirty surfaces with soap and water. Clean surfaces and objects using soap and water prior to disinfection. Always wear gloves appropriate for the chemicals being used for routine cleaning and disinfecting.

Maintain and Revise Your Plan

- Routine cleaning and disinfecting are an important part of reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Normal routine cleaning with soap and water alone can reduce risk of exposure and is a necessary step before you disinfect dirty surfaces.
- Surfaces frequently touched by multiple people, such as door handles, desks, phones, light switches, and faucets, should be cleaned and disinfected at least daily.
- More frequent cleaning and disinfection may be required based on level of use.

Additional Cleaning and Sanitation Practices

- Clean tools and implements regularly with soap and water before disinfecting them.
- Replace disinfectants regularly.
- Regularly clean and sanitize surfaces that customers come into contact with such as chairs, door knobs, point of sale equipment, handles, writing implements etc.
- All salons/shops and mobile pet grooming businesses should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to reopening. Disinfect all surfaces, tools, and linens, even if they were cleaned before the salon/shop was closed.
- Employees are encouraged to frequently wash their hands after the using the phones, computer, cash register and/or credit card machine. Wipe these surfaces between each use.
- Encourage the use of applications like Apple Pay or online payments that do not require any interaction between your customer and your surfaces.

Maintain Social Distancing At All Times

Spacing between persons in the grooming salon should be at least six feet, except when multiple staff need to assist with larger pets.

- If possible, maintain at least six feet between each grooming workstation.
- Consider offering curbside pick-ups and drop-offs to further maintain social distancing and minimize unnecessary physical contact.

- Consider staggering appointments so that waiting areas have minimal congestion
 - Staggering of appointments also gives adequate time to properly clean and disinfect in between clients.
 - Be conscious of how many people are in your waiting area and be responsible about keeping those numbers low.
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water and consider using personal protective equipment such as gloves or face masks if coming into contact with customers.
- If wearing gloves, wash hands after removing gloves and discard used gloves.
- Consider using hand lotions to keep skin intact from frequent hand washing.

Consider providing hand sanitizer to customers.