

# HAIR, BEAUTY AND SKIN PENETRATION NEWSLETTER



We hope you are all well and safe during this difficult time. Council sent an email on 3 April 2020 updating local industry operators of the SA Emergency Management Directives. As part of the email, operators were asked to advise Council if the business is temporarily closed.

A minimal response to this request was received so please check if your business registration details are current with Council's Health Officers who regulate the local industry under the SA Public Health Act. If you are unsure if your business details are current or you are a new business please complete the attached form and lodge via email to [city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au)

Understandably some businesses are pivoting between being open and closed during this time. It is helpful if the operational status is updated with Council when changes are made. This assists with Council records and resourcing for compliance checks, which are conducted and reported to the State Authority.

If operating, the requirements under both the SA Public Health Act and SA Emergency Management Act are to be met. This includes the four square metres density requirements (the total number of persons present at the premises). We request clear signage at the entrance of how many customers are allowed, once staff numbers have been considered. Further information on SA operational matters can be accessed via [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)

The current SA Emergency Management #4 Direction defines the following premises to be closed:

- *Beauty salons, nail salons and tattoo parlours and other premises at which beauty therapy and tanning, waxing, piercing or body modification services are provided.*
- *Saunas, bathhouses, wellness centres, spas and massage parlours*

Remedial or therapeutic massage services can be provided in a clinical or healthcare setting. According to Public Information (SAPOL), if a person is a qualified remedial or therapeutic massage provider that is recognised by HICAPS (private health rebate) then they are allowed to operate.

- City of Mount Gambier Environmental Health Officers

## HOW OFTEN DO YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?

This is especially important during the flu season and pandemic to prevent the transfer of communicable disease. The improved hand hygiene practices gained during the pandemic should be maintained during recovery and for ongoing protection. This includes operator, staff and customers.

Continuing to promote this critical public health message is encouraged. The use of warm running water and soap and drying of hands on single use towel is required under the guidelines. Guidelines are available at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au) City of Mount Gambier have free hand wash magnets available for your business use.

Please contact the Health team via email (above) to order. Delivery to your business may be arranged (pending resources).