***<Date>***

Dear **<*Cosmetic Facility*>**,

***<Health Department*>** identified a case of acute ***<Hepatitis B/C>***infection in a patient who had **<*Procedure*>** performed at your facility during their exposure period. Transmission of bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B and hepatitis C virus can occur during such procedures in the context of inadequate infection control practices.

To date, ***<Health Department*>** has not received reports of other infections potentially associated with your facility or concerns about your infection control practices. However, ***<Health Department*>** regularly reviews reports of acute hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections and may contact you if other infections potentially associated with your facility are identified in the future.

Because blood exposures to clients and staff may occur at facilities like yours, it’s important that you review your infection control practices to ensure that safe injection practices are used and that sharps and other equipment potentially contaminated with blood are handled and disinfected properly.

For now, we recommend the following:

1. Ensure that your staff members are trained in appropriate infection prevention and control practices, including education on how to prevent transmission of bloodborne pathogens. [Precautions against bloodborne pathogens for nail salons](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/nailsalons/biohazards.html), which may be applicable to other cosmetology facilities, are available at: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/nailsalons/biohazards.html
2. Ensure compliance with California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology regulations. Their website provides the following:
3. [Checklist for compliance](http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/forms_pubs/selfinsp_wrksht.pdf): http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/forms\_pubs/selfinsp\_wrksht.pdf
4. List of [common violations to avoid](http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/laws_regs/common_violations.shtml): http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/laws\_regs/common\_violations.shtml
5. [Overview of disinfection](http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/enforcement/disinfection.pdf): http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/enforcement/disinfection.pdf
6. Ensure that body art policies and procedures are compliant with the [California Safe Body Art Act, summarized by Los Angeles County](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/baSummary.pdf) at: http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/baSummary.pdf
7. Use [safe injection practices](https://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/providers.html), see: https://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/providers.html
8. Ensure that policies and procedures are compliant with the [Cal/OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen standard](http://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5193.html) (http://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5193.html). This standard covers employees who have a reasonable risk of exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials while working.

For questions or additional information, feel free to contact us at ***<Phone Number>***.

Sincerely,

***<Name>
<Health Department*>**