



MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

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The Mississippi State Board of Barber Examiners is working to released guidelines for the reopening of Mississippi's barbershops. The Board met April 29, 2020 to discuss efficient and safe way to re-open with the understanding that this is only temporary if the Governor and State Health Officer agree to ease restrictions. Currently, under Executive Order (EO) 1478, barbershops and salons are not allowed to re-open. The President called an emergency board meeting to discuss how to re-open in the event the Governor so orders. Here are some topics discussed during the meeting:

- (1) Procedures and guidelines to support the State Health Officer concerning the practice of barbering under COVID-19
- (2) Modified and elevated measures to conduct good sanitation practices
- (3) Social distancing and measures restricting consumer's activities within the shop.

The Chief Inspector uses the concept of "Stagger & Sanitize." This concept means every registered barbers shall stagger their clients and sanitize immensely after each service. This concept and guidelines will be forwarded to the State Health Officer and the Governor as recommendations to reopen barbershops—including barber schools.

"Our mission is to governing the practice of barbering and protecting the public from the spread of infectious diseases statewide. On behalf of the board, we support the efforts of our Governor and State Health Officer to agree on the most efficient and safe way to re-open barbershops statewide. The Board stands firm of the sanitation practices already in place along with more safety measures to ensure the public health and welfare of our barbers and consumers." - Steven D. Jackson, Chief Inspector