



December 15, 2020

Re: clarification on the newly announced 50% reduction in capacity requirement for personal service providers.

[Click here to download and review the December 14th Public Health Order.](#)

We spoke at 9am today with an agent at the Government of Saskatchewan Covid Business Support Line (e-mail: COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca or tel: 1-844-800-8688). Below is a summary of the information we received:

1. The Government representative stated that it was an "oversight" in including massage therapists with hair salons and tattoo artists as they are very different services operating in different physical environments.
2. As long as massage therapists have previously changed their operating practices to eliminate waiting rooms, they have already complied with this requirement by significantly reducing the number of people interacting in a space. (In May this year MTAS provided re-opening guidelines, including the directive to close waiting rooms and ask clients to wait in their cars prior to an appointment).
3. Massage therapists do not need to close half of their treatment rooms, cancel half of their appointments, or otherwise operate at half capacity, as the intention of the Public Health Order is to reduce the number of interactions between individuals not residing in the same home, and therapists work one-on-one with clients, not in close proximity to others.

We specifically asked about home-based business/mobile therapy, multi-disciplinary clinics (alongside physiotherapist, chiropractors, etc.), independent operators in rented space and multi-therapist massage clinics. The response above applies to all practice environments.

We are pleased to advise our members to continue as you have been doing since the spring, observing all previous public health measures and the MTAS guidelines for return to practice, and safely treating your clients.

Please continue to check the [MTAS website Covid page](#) for the most current, factual information. For further information from the [Government of Saskatchewan, visit their website here.](#)

Thank you.
MTAS office.