



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As Australia seeks to reopen its economy and ease business trading restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Australian Tattooists Guild has collated and is providing the information within this FAQ to the general public on what professional tattooists in Australia may be doing to ensure their safety during this important time.

### **Is it safe to visit a tattoo studio?**

Australian tattooists maintain high infection control standards and the safety of clients and staff are an essential part of daily operation in every tattoo studio. Under Covid-19 restrictions tattooists will take extra precautions within their practice to ensure the safety of the general public and all tattooing professionals have access to the latest COVID19 information provided by both federal and state government health departments.

### **What should I expect when I visit a tattoo studio?**

During the COVID-19 pandemic additional steps are being made to stop the spread of the virus. Many studios have now changed the way they do business and it's advised that you call ahead to understand any changes to the booking process. You might see an empty waiting room and be asked to wash your hands or use hand sanitiser as you enter the studio. Your tattooist will undertake all the normal precautions to maintain a sterile environment and will most likely use added precautions that are COVID19 specific. You will be asked some basic health questions before your appointment - this important information lets the artist know if you are well and are no risk to the spread of COVID19 within the work environment.

### **What extra steps are tattoo studios implementing to ensure the safety of our community?**

Tattooists are committed to staying up to date with the most recent advice on COVID19. Steps have been implemented to to minimise the spread of COVID19 in the work place.

These steps may include but are not limited to:

- Minimising the number of people in the studio at any one time.
- Screening clients for potential health risks prior to their appointment.
- Promoting good hand hygiene by providing hand washing facilities and/or alcohol based hand sanitiser and appropriate waste receptacles for clients and staff.
- Wearing PPE
- Educating staff about the early warning signs and symptoms of Covid 19 and the need to advise staff and clients to stay home if unwell.

### **Should I notify the studio if I have been tested positive for COVID-19?**

In most circumstances the medical officer who is consulting with you will know what information to provide to whom in accordance with your jurisdictions notification laws. However if you feel like helping out and are in a position to do so it doesn't hurt to let the studio and/or artist know.

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