

**Albany County Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health**

Tattoo/Body Piercing Information Sheet

Shop Name _____

Shop Address _____

Telephone _____

- A new sterile needle should be used for each tattoo or body piercing. The sterile package containing this needle should be opened in front of you.
- There is a potential for an adverse physical reaction to the dyes used in the tattooing procedure. It is not possible for the tattooist or body piercer to determine whether an allergic reaction to the jewelry, dyes or pigments, or processes used in tattooing or body piercing will occur.
- Infection is always possible, particularly in the event that proper care of tattoo/body piercing is not taken.
- If you are in one of the following groups you are considered to be at elevated risk of infection or illness due to tattooing or body piercing:
 - (a) History of jaundice or hepatitis
 - (b) History of AIDS or positive HIV test
 - (c) History of blood donation exclusion (for other than hypertension, weight, or immediate illness)
 - (d) History of skin disease or skin cancer at site of service
 - (e) History of allergic reaction to pigments, dyes, or other sensitivities
 - (f) History of hemophilia
 - (g) History of epilepsy
 - (h) History of heart condition
 - (i) History of diabetes
 - (j) Taking medications which thin the blood (e.g., anti-coagulants)
 - (k) Taking immunosuppressive medication (e.g., chemotherapy, steroid therapy)

In the event of an infection or illness associated with a tattooing or body piercing procedure, contact a physician and notify the Albany County Department of Health at (518) 447-4625.

Signature of patron

Name of patron (printed)