



Professional Indoor Tanning Facilities Should Be Included in the First Wave of Retail Businesses Allowed to Re-open

Professional indoor tanning facilities should be included in the first wave of retail businesses allowed to re-open when state and local governments ease stay-at-home and closure orders, for a number of reasons:

- **Social Distancing:** Unlike hair, nail, or massage salon and spa services, there is no person-to-person contact involved in indoor tanning. Tanning takes place in a private, enclosed room, after only a brief non-contact interaction at the front desk to check in.
- **Professional Sanitation:** Professional tanning facilities sanitize tanning equipment and all client-contact surfaces in the tanning room, before and after every client visit, with [EPA-registered](#) hospital-grade disinfectant. There is perhaps no other retail industry where this level of sanitation takes place on such an ongoing basis.
- **Medical Referrals:** Many dermatologists send clients of all ages to indoor tanning facilities to alleviate symptoms of psoriasis, eczema and other skin conditions.¹
 - According to data from both the National Psoriasis Foundation and the International Smart Tan Network, nearly 1.5 million Americans visit tanning salons each year for the treatment of skin conditions.
 - According to a 2015 survey of American Academy of Dermatology members, 88% recommend the usage of UV lamps as a form of treatment and 28% recommend patients use tanning salons as a convenient, cost-effective self-treatment option.²
- **Sunburn Prevention:** Indoor tanning facilities are utilized in spring months to allow clients who will be outdoors in the summer to gradually acclimate their skin to UV exposure. Under the guidance of a trained operator, sunbed usage in a professional tanning facility – in combination with sunscreen usage outdoors – helps clients prevent sunburn.

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¹ Feldman et al. A Review of the Use of Tanning Beds as a Dermatological Treatment. *Dermatologic Therapy*. 2015. 5:37–51

² GrassrootsHealth Survey. <http://www.grassrootshealth.net/index.php/press/220-grassrootshealth-survey-finds-dermatologists-believe-uv-exposure-is-a-viable-form-of-treatment-yet-still-lobby-against-sun-exposure>