



NORTHERN KENTUCKY
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Promoting and protecting the health of Northern Kentucky by providing public health services essential for a safe and healthy community.

November 22, 2011

Tattoo & Body Piercing Studios

Re: Bloodborne Pathogen Education Requirement

Dear Studio Owner:

In a proactive measure to prevent disease transmission and protect public health, the Northern Kentucky Health Department is proposing a local regulation requiring all tattoo and body piercing artists operating within the counties of Boone, Kenton, Campbell, and Grant to obtain certification in bloodborne pathogen education.

Bloodborne pathogen education will be in general accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard 29 CFR 1910.1030. Its intent will be to increase the understanding and application of precautions, describe the types of bloodborne pathogens and other associated risks, and to educate about methods of handling potentially infectious material along with the proper safeguards to prevent exposure. The Health Department would offer such classes and would consider accepting documentation from other approved educational sources that meet the department's requirements. A draft copy of the proposed regulation can be viewed on the Health Department's web page at nkyhealth.org.

If you have any questions or would like to comment on the proposed regulation, please contact Environmental Health Manager Ted Talley or myself at 859.341.4151. We can also be reached by email at ted.talley@nkyhealth.com or steve.divine@nkyhealth.com.

This item is also scheduled to be addressed during the Northern Kentucky District Board of Health meeting which starts at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 in the Lower Level Conference Room at 610 Medical Village Drive, Edgewood, Kentucky. The Board will offer the opportunity for public comment during the meeting.

Sincerely,

Steve Divine, RS
Director
Environmental Health & Safety