

SANITIZING VS DISINFECTING VS STERILIZING



To sanitize is to clean the surface of something killing the bacteria. To disinfect is to clean the surface of something killing both viruses and bacteria. Both use chemicals and kill bacteria, but only disinfecting kills viruses. To sterilize is to destroy all microorganisms by using heat or gas, stopping contamination.

All of these must be in place at a piercing studio in every area. Common areas and surfaces need to be sanitized. Anything that comes into contact with bodily fluids must be disinfected. And tools and jewelry that will come in contact with broken skin during a procedure must always be properly sterilized.

Wiping down jewelry with alcohol is not enough. Just like wiping the piercing site with alcohol before piercing is not enough. You need to then disinfect the skin prior to actually piercing. And after the procedure is done, the piercing site must be cleaned with sterile saline solution.