

## **Microneedling Pre-treatment Guidelines:**

- Do not use topical agents that may increase your skin's sensitivity such as retinoids, exfoliants, topical antibiotics, or hydroxy acids 5-7 days prior to the treatment.
- Avoid IPL/Laser procedures for at least 2 weeks prior to the service.
- No waxing, depilatory creams, or electrolysis to the area being treated for 5 days prior.
- Avoid unprotected sun exposure or sunburn at least 1 week before treatment.
- **Do not shave** the face the **day of** the procedure to avoid skin irritation.
- Keep makeup to a minimum day of the treatment if possible and do not experiment with new products before the treatment.
- Avoid *alcohol* and *caffeine* 24-48 hours before the treatment.
- Wait 14 days after administration of neurotoxin and 28 days after administration of dermal fillers.

## **Microneedling Contraindications:**

- o Pregnancy
- o Keloid or hypertrophic scarring
- o History of eczema, psoriasis and other chronic conditions
- o History of actinic (solar) keratosis
- History of herpes simplex infections/cold sores
- o History of diabetes
- o Presence of raised moles, warts or any raised lesions on the targeted area
- Isotretinoin (sometimes marketed as *Accutane*) taken within the last 6-12 months
- o Excessive sun exposure within the last 24 hours
- o Open wounds, rashes or infections in the treatment area
- o Metal allergies
- o Diabetic
- o Hemophiliac
- o Facelift or eyelid lift within the previous year
- o Laser resurfacing or other major resurfacing within the last 3 months
- o **Chemical** or **mechanical peeling** within the last **1-2 weeks**, or impaired barrier.