

Film/Media State Guidelines during the Covid-19 Pandemic (6/15/21)

Everyone's health and safety is our highest priority here in Iowa. Below is a list of our latest guidelines and expectations for those engaged in film, television and media production.

Also, before proceeding with your project here in Iowa, please review the current [Covid-19 regulations](#) from the Governor's Office as well as the guidelines from the [Iowa Department of Public Health](#). Each of us must bring a sense of personal responsibility to our workplaces and speak up when we have health and safety concerns that need to be addressed. We encourage you to contact [Produce Iowa](#) with any additional questions or special requests.

Productions

Iowa is a right-to-work state and does not require any general permits to film here. But you may be required to make special arrangements with your locations as needed. It is also up to the [crew and support services](#) that are available to work and we encourage you to spend extra time during your pre-production phase to think through streamlining your productions and implementing current best practices. Appropriate social distancing and sanitation is a priority so please take the time to clean and disinfect high-touch items and equipment as needed. Gloves and masks are encouraged, but not mandated by our state. And if you are working with SAG-AFTRA and other entertainment industry unions, please review their [safety protocols](#).

Expectations

- Restrict sets to essential personnel in order to reduce the overall headcount.
- Consider staggering department schedules on set to limit interaction and areas of congestion.
- Encourage key personnel and performers to shelter in place when they're not working.
- Restructure the distance between departments, such as costume, makeup, grip, etc.
- Designate one-way pathways around the production when possible.
- Eliminate communal craft service tables or catering areas.
- Serve pre-packaged meals or supply per diem for crew to bring their own food.
- Distribute call sheets, contracts and production reports in digital formats when possible.
- Provide hand-washing stations and/or hand sanitizers on set.
- Provide disposable tissues, and encourage crew to cover their sneezes and coughs.
- Use your elbows and knuckles as opposed to fingers whenever possible.
- Do not share pens, phones or personal work tools.
- Put down an item that someone needs to pick up, rather than handing it directly to them.
- Identify an Infection Control Officer to oversee and remind cast/crew about best practices.
- Post signs to remind people to avoid touching their eyes, nose & mouth and to wash their hands.
- If anyone on set experiences symptoms that could be related to Covid-19, that person must report them to his or her department head, self-isolate and stay home.