COVID-19 Prevention: Tips for Film and Photo Shoots

Every person and/or organization holding a film permit from Denver’s Office of Special Events must comply with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Public Health Orders and Guidance and the applicable Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE) Public Health Orders that are in effect at the time of the production. Compliance with Colorado PHOs and Guidelines are a condition of all CCD Film Permits.

State of Colorado and CCD PHOs, and related Executive Orders and Guidance on public gatherings and outdoor events may change at any time with no prior notice. Changes in any orders may result in additional requirements to permittees and issued permits, and may result in event cancellation. The permitting agency will make reasonable efforts to provide notice to permittees of changes in orders or requirements. This document provides tips that can help support adherence to the state’s orders and guidelines.

- There are no restrictions prohibiting people from out of state coming to film in Denver, at this time.
- Film Productions and Photo Shoots are limited to a total of 75 people when outside.
- Productions must review the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Workplace Outbreak Guidance and develop a production-specific plan and checklist to manage the applicable prevention and mitigation requirements and recommendations.
- Production must train staff on prevention and mitigation practices.
- Production must collect and maintain a list of staff, volunteers and contractors to support COVID-19 contact tracing.
- Production must follow CDPHE’s Guidance for Cleaning and sanitize common touch points.
- All members of the production, including cast, crew, and contractors are required to wash hands upon arrival on set, departure and frequently throughout the day.
- Production must implement symptom monitoring protocols (including workplace temperature monitoring and symptom screening questions – guidance found here).
- Employees who have been in close contact with a person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 (generally within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes, depending on level of exposure) should not report to work and instead self-quarantine.

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• When possible, production should group employees into teams or shifts that stick together to limit mixing between different teams or shifts.

• Cast and crews are considered coworkers, which allows them to gather in groups larger than 10 and be within 6 feet of one another, but they MUST wear a face covering at ALL TIMES. Face coverings are required of crew members regardless of proximity to others.

• Actors, models, and performers MUST wear face coverings unless they are part of the same household OR unless they are farther than 6 feet away from all other people involved in the shoot (including other actors) and 25 feet away from the general public. (From the order: Performers who maintain at least a 25-foot distance from attendees or patrons and at least a six-foot distance from each other and other employees at all times during their performance are exempt from mask requirement. Performers must wear a face covering at all other times when they are on the premises and not performing)