Effective Monday, August 23, 2021

**Washington State Governor Jay Inslee instituted a statewide indoor mask mandate to all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.**

Exceptions to the general face covering requirement include but are not limited to:

- While working alone or indoors or in areas not generally accesible to the public and when no customers, volunteers, visitors, or non-employees are present, but only if the worker is fully vaccinated against COVID-19;
- While engaged in the act of eating or drinking;
- While actively engaged in a performing arts performance or other similar activity;
- While obtaining a service or engaged in a transient activity that requires temporary and very brief removal of the face covering.

All industry sectors reopened under the Washington Ready Plan and previously covered by guidance in the Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery or the Safe Start Reopening Plan may continue at usual capacity and operations while following the newly updated Facial Covering Guidance.

**Important Notes for Motion Picture Productions**

- Productions **must** follow the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) Requirements and Guidance for Preventing COVID-19. This guidance offers methods for verification of worker vaccination status.

- Productions **must** adhere to the Governor’s Updated COVID-19 Facial Covering Guidance effective August 23, 2021.

- The Motion Picture Production COVID-19 Requirements are no longer enforced but represent best practices for set safety.

- The position of COVID Site Supervisor is no longer a requirement of Washington State, however, productions may continue to find it helpful to employ an individual as COVID Site Supervisor to help employers meet their obligations to provide a safe and healthy workplace.

- **Union productions** must also continue to follow health and safety guidance outlined in their union or guild contracts such as the Return to Work Agreement.