

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 accessible 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

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- 👉 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](#).

Visit [www.WashingtonFilmworks.org](http://www.WashingtonFilmworks.org) for more set safety information and resources.