

## **Washington State Governor Jay Inslee rescinded the face covering requirement in most places.**

The joint SAG\_AFTRA, the DGA, IATSE and Teamsters and Basic Crafts, and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers Return to Work Agreement has been extended through July 15, 2022. We encourage ALL productions to continue to implement appropriate safety protocols to ensure the health and well-being of Washington's cast and crew.

- The [general face covering requirement](#) most places
- The [Joint Unions extension and updates](#) to Jul 15, 2022

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](#) as of **March 12, 2022**

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- A State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, remains in effect, except as specifically amended as it relates to face coverings by the [Secretary of Health's face covering order](#). The face covering requirement will remain in place in healthcare settings, long-term care facilities, and correctional facilities and jails. In addition, it is updated to protect the right of all persons to continue wearing a face covering in any setting.
- Due to the continuing COVID-19 threat, it is critical to continue protecting and supporting those individuals who are immunocompromised or medically vulnerable, or who remain concerned for their own health or the health of their family or community. Be kind and compassionate to individuals, students and businesses that choose to continue wearing face masks.

## **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 March 12, 2022](#)
- The [Motion Picture Production COVID-19 Requirements](#) are no longer enforced but remain recommendations 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 in this role 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) [COVID page](#) for more set safety information and resources.

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