

# Community COVID-19 Testing Program - Step 2

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## Overview

The ACCP will be moving forward with a cautious rolling back of the ACCP testing program to dovetail with the province's restriction wind-down schedule. The updated protocols will align with the start of the Ontario Government Step 2 - JUNE 30th, 2021. From this point forward, ACCP member companies will continue to test all crew and clients gathering for any job purpose unless they have received and are willing to show proof of at minimum their first COVID 19 vaccination. Anyone who shows evidence of a vaccination that was administered at least 14 days before a project's shoot date will be exempt from the requirement to test. However, all talent will continue to be tested regardless of age or vaccination status because they will be performing on camera without masks.

## New Program Specifications

### I. New Testing Protocol

Once Ontario enters 'Step 2' of its re-opening plan, member companies will only require participants who fall into the following categories and attend a Fitting, Tech Scout, PreLight, or Shoot day to have a negative test no older than seven days.

- A. Anyone who has not received and/or are not willing to show proof of, at minimum, the first dose of a Health Canada approved vaccination for COVID19, administered at least 14 days before a project's shoot date and with a second dose required after August 1, 2021.
- B. All Talent who perform without a mask.

Per the Section 21 guidelines and the Ontario government, all participants are required to follow the ACCP Health and Safety Guidelines at all times, regardless of vaccination status.

### II. Privacy

Anyone using the ACCP lab testing service will sign an information-sharing consent form allowing the Lab to share the results with the member companies designated point person on the project. Only employees from STRATO will physically handle and deliver test results to member companies.

ACCP Member companies will need to implement a system to collect and store individual vaccination statuses which are in line with Canadian privacy laws.

### III. Bidding & Splitting the Testing Fees

The testing cost is being lowered to \$157.00, paid directly to the vendor, and there is no longer a \$100.00 fee paid to any crew member for their time.

At the time of writing, STRATO is still offering to split the billings, though this may change once the new testing volume is established.

The ACCP Board recommends that the membership present the agency with a separate cost plus estimate to COVID test 30% of the shoot participants with a markup of not less than 10%, plus insurance, if applicable.

### IV. Lab Partner - STRATO

STRATO Labs

*234 King St East Toronto*

*Signature Aviation at 6965 Vanguard Drive*

STRATO will report all results from testing that same day to the ACCP member's primary contact between 1 pm and midnight. On busy days they will use a rolling reporting system with 12 individuals at a time.

STRATO will route the participant to the appropriate public health system for certified diagnostic testing for any positive test results in the program.

In the event of an inconclusive test result, Strato will rerun the sample at no charge. However, if there is a 2nd inconclusive result, there will be an additional charge to retake a specimen.

### V. Non-Essential Personnel on Set

The ACCP is committed to supporting and surpassing the public safety measures currently in place by order of the Ontario Government and Public Health to ensure we continue to be an industry that is allowed to operate safely and effectively.

As the province begins to lift restrictions safely, the ACCP is recommending proceeding with caution. If the location capacity allows, Agency/Client may come to the set if they wish to do so. It is the member company's responsibility to set limits on the number of Agency/Client personnel who can attend based on factors such as overall crew size and location size. Ideally, one person who can liaison with the

director and producer on creative issues, and one person who can act as the communication link with other virtually attending agency and client personnel.

The ACCP will require all on-set participants, including Agency/Client, to provide a negative test not more than 7 days old prior to attending the shoot, unless they have received, and are willing to show proof of at minimum their first Health Canada approved COVID 19 vaccination accompanied with a signed ACCP Acknowledgement Agreement. Member companies can help facilitate Agency/Client personnel testing at one of their testing facilities.