

ACCP Testing Program Update

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With the effects of the Omicron variant on the health care system subsiding considerably, the ACCP has decided to adjust the testing policy to remove the mandatory weekly PCR testing requirements for Crew & Client/Agency personnel beginning March 1st. All participants will still be required to produce proof of double vaccination through a government-issued QR Smart Code to attend any production gathering.

Member companies are reminded to review their on-set COVID Health and Safety protocols with their COVID supervisors to ensure that all attendees are following the [ACCP Health and Safety Guidelines](#) at all times. The ACCP board encourages everyone to get their booster shot as soon as possible.

The ACCP will continue to monitor the covid testing and vaccination program bi-weekly and provide further updates whenever necessary.

Program Specifications

I. Testing Protocol

All Performers who perform maskless must have a negative PCR test result not older than 72 hours from any in-person production event.

- A. If the fitting is more than 48 hours from the first shoot date a Negative Rapid Antigen test result (administered at the fitting location) is acceptable for that day as long as the performer remains masked throughout the fitting. However, the performer must also then receive a negative PCR before the shoot.
- B. Children under 4 years old are exempt from testing, however, the attending parent or guardian is still required to be tested.

II. On Set Protocols

The [ACCP Health and Safety Guidelines](#) remain unchanged at this time as these guidelines mirror the [Section 21 Film and television industry health and safety during COVID-19 Document](#). The Ontario government made these guidelines **mandatory** to follow under the REOPENING ONTARIO (A FLEXIBLE RESPONSE TO COVID-19) ACT, 2020, on Feb 21, 2021.

III. Return To Work Protocol

Once a participant has a positive PCR test or a lab/nurse administered and verified Rapid Antigen test, they must follow the steps below to re-enter the workforce or attend a production gathering.

- A. Self Isolate for a minimum of:
 1. 7 Days from a PCR based positive result
 2. 5 Days from a lab/nurse administered and verified Rapid Antigen positive result
- B. After the isolation period, the participant must have no fever, and their symptoms need to be improving for at least 24 hours.
- C. These participants are exempt from any ACCP PCR test requirements for eight weeks from their test date. Talent that recently tested positive will require a lab or doctor verified negative result rapid test within 72 hours of the shoot day.

IV. Vaccination Policy

All crew, client and agency personnel, and performers 12 years and older must be fully vaccinated* to participate in person for any production event(s). Proof of vaccination will be required through a Government Issued QR Code. Any individual who does not meet this requirement will not be employed or, if not employed by the member company but still involved in the production, be refused access to any in-person events related to the production.

The only permitted exceptions are accommodations based on a certified medical contraindication, age limitation for access to vaccination, or another prohibited ground for discrimination as defined under the Ontario Human Rights Code Act.

Personnel with permitted exceptions will be required to provide production personnel with a negative Covid-19 PCR test taken not more than 72hrs prior to attending the production event. Costs associated with PCR testing for personnel with permitted exceptions to be covered by production and passed along to the client/agency and ultimately the client advertiser on a Cost Plus 10% basis (plus insurance if applicable).

**A person is considered fully vaccinated if they have*

- *received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Moderna (SpikeVax),*

AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria) or Covishield, or a combination of these vaccines) at least 14 days ago; OR

- *received one dose of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago;*