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ACCP Guidelines for Vaccination Requirement for Member Company Production Crew, Client and Artist Personnel

Since the onset of the pandemic, the ACCP and its member companies have taken the necessary health and safety measures to ensure a safe and responsible production environment as related to the spread of Covid-19, following the advice and recommendation, and in many cases, surpassing the recommendation of Provincial and Municipal health and safety bodies. Vaccination continues to be one of the most effective tools in reducing the spread and severity of COVID-19. After consultation with the ACCP membership, the ACCP presents the following regarding vaccination for member productions:

Starting December 9, 2021, the ACCP will put in place new guidelines whereby all member company production personnel – which includes all crew, all client and agency personnel, and all talent – must be fully vaccinated* in order to participate in-person for any production event(s). Proof of vaccination will be required. 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 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).

Other than a requirement for a negative Covid-19 test not older than 72hrs, personnel with permitted exceptions will require no additional protocol measures beyond those laid out in the ACCP Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines.

Fully vaccinated personnel will continue to be exempt from the ACCP Covid-19 Testing Program. However, regardless of vaccination status, all talent and other “required crew” (such as any foreign crew who require Covid-19 testing for travel purposes) will continue to be tested as per the guidelines set forth in the ACCP Covid-19 Testing program. The cost of this testing is 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).

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in supporting and adhering to this new safety initiative. If you have further questions regarding these new Guidelines for Vaccination Requirement for Member Company Crew, Client and Artist Personnel, please direct your questions to: info@theaccp.tv

Best Regards,
The ACCP Board

**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;*