



Midwest Chapter

Returning to Commercial Production Work in Chicago

The Association of Independent Commercial Producers (AICP) recommends that commercial productions in Chicago follow the set of guidelines designed to produce commercials safely throughout the United States. The guidelines received input from many commercial labor unions (IATSTE, DGA, SGA/AFTRA) and adherence to them will help prevent the spread of the virus.

Executive Summary of AICP Guidelines to be followed – links to formal guidelines following

- Masks required at all times for crew
- Social distancing enforced
- In rare cases when not possible to distance, crew will wear Face Shields in addition to masks
- Plentiful sanitizing stations and hand sanitizers available
- Health questionnaire form is required before anyone begins work
- Medic on set to check crew in and be available all day
- COVID Safety Officer on set
- Crew sizes are as small as possible – those that can work remotely will.
- Crew call times and placement are staggered.
- Departments will inhabit the area in front of camera in shifts to keep distant
 - For example, Art Department sets the scene then leaves, Lighting goes next, last is Camera, then hero talent.
- Only those required near camera when actors are present will be there.
- Testing is recommended for on camera talent who are unable to wear while performing.
- As always, actors will be treated with the utmost care and even more when they cannot wear a mask. Blocking and number of actors will take social distance into consideration.
- Contact tracing and follow up after shoot. The crew will be contacted 14 days after the shoot day to make sure they are still healthy. If anyone is infected the rest of the crew will be notified.

AICP Guidelines below:

General Practices and Screening Procedures

<https://www.aicp.com/business-resources/business-affairs-information/aicp-guidelines/covid-19-workplace-guidelines/general-practices-for-all-worksites/>

Department Specific Guidelines

<https://www.aicp.com/business-resources/business-affairs-information/aicp-guidelines/covid-19-workplace-guidelines/production-specific-considerations/>

Screening Form filled out daily

<https://www.aicp.com/business-resources/business-affairs-information/aicp-guidelines/covid-19-workplace-guidelines/aicp-gold-standard-for-personnel-screening/>