



News Release

July 15, 2020 - Today the **BC Post Production Health & Safety Task Force** (the “Task Force”) released its **COVID-19 Safety Guidelines** for motion picture and television post production crews and facilities working in British Columbia.

The Task Force built upon the province’s successful COVID-19 strategy and developed guidelines for the industry which conform to the strict protocols provided by Canadian and BC health authorities. “In crafting the guidelines, we emphasized safe, sustainable and flexible working practices for post production crews, while also providing reliable and effective creative input for Producers, Directors, Networks and Studios,” said Task Force Chair Don Thompson.

The industry has implemented systems for both centralized and remote workflows which can be adapted to suit the preferences and creative needs of each production. According to Vancouver Post Alliance Chair Kerry McDowall, “The safety guidelines provided here have been developed with the participation of facilities management, producers, editorial crew, and picture & sound post production teams from across the industry. Our top priority is the health and safety of all individuals working in post production.”

While these guidelines were created in collaboration across post sectors and intended to address the overall best practices, employers operating in British Columbia’s Motion Picture Industry are required to develop their own specific facility/crew COVID-19 safety policies, procedures and guidelines in accordance with orders from the PHO and WorkSafeBC regulations. In addition, the B.C. MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY COVID-19 BEST PRACTICES COALITION is further developing detailed resources including a Pandemic Production Guide and Department-specific Guidance to support employers returning to operation.

The Guidelines will be hosted by the Vancouver Post Alliance (VPA) and the Actsafe Safety Association as a living document, and it will adapt to the changing business and production realities presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

British Columbia’s post production community is open for business, and we look forward to providing a safe and creative atmosphere for producers and crews as they return to production!

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Links to Guideline document:

<https://vancouverpostalliance.com/page-1862419>

[Actsafe Safety BC Post Production Guidelines](#)

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