

## PLACER COUNTY COVID-19 PRODUCTION READINESS KIT

*Please know that our county is one of 30 plus counties on the State of California's Monitoring List which requires restrictions on certain types of businesses. Full details can be found on the state website regarding applicable health protocols: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#guidance-monitor>*

The following information is provided to assist in planning every stage of your production when it comes to COVID-19 - for your safety and for those in our community while you are here in Placer County. Because of the uncertainty of the evolving health crisis the following information is subject to change without notice so we recommend checking with the various government jurisdictions throughout pre-production and production. You may also contact our Film Office: 530-889-4091. More general production information about filming in here is on our website, including an extensive location photo library, lodging information crew resources, permitting, and much more: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/1376/Film-Office>

### WHAT HEALTH PROTOCOLS ARE REQUIRED?

- STATE: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#top>
- COUNTY: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/reopen/> Same as the state protocols and industry guidelines.
- CITIES: Currently our incorporated cities' health protocols are the same as the state's.
- Private property owners may impose their own health requirements on their property as long as they do not contradict applicable government mandated health protocols.

### COUNTY FILM PERMITTING (our county film permits are **free!**)

- Production companies will be asked to check a statement box on the application attesting that they will adhere to all applicable federal, state, county, and city COVID-19 health and safety protocols and guidelines while conducting permitted film activities.
- County Film permits are required when filming in unincorporated Placer County (including private properties) as well as on county-owned properties such as county roads, parks, and buildings: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/1484/Film-Permits>

### LOCATION SCOUTING (including Tech & Director scouts)

- COVID-19 Permittees and their production personnel and associates must comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and city health codes while working in Placer County. This includes permitted activities as well as non-permitted activities such as scouting. A full list of health protocols can be found at the links above and include but are not necessarily limited to wearing face masks, practicing safe social distancing (6'); using hand sanitizer or frequent hand washing, as well as frequent cleaning of shared surfaces & equipment.

**LAKE TAHOE AREA** – this stunning international resort community has established helpful recommendations for those planning to visit this region:

1. North Lake Tahoe COVID-19 FAQs <https://www.gotahoenorth.com/covid-19-faqs-north-lake-tahoe/>
2. Know Before You Go Visitor\_ Tahoe Toolkit <https://www.gotahoenorth.com/knowbeforeyogo/>.  
Once on this page scroll to the download instructions.

**COVID-19 TESTING SITES – (remote and onsite facilities) *Onsite testing may require a reservation***  
<https://lhi.care/covidtesting> (or call 1-888-634-1123 during business hours)

1. *Onsite testing locations:*
  - a. Rocklin, CA (Western Placer County)
  - b. Truckee, CA (Tahoe area) 10990 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA 96161
2. *Remote testing (can set up at your job site):*
  - a. Stem Express <https://www.stemexpress.com/> This is run by a local lab. (W) 530-303-3828 or [covid19@stemexpress.com](mailto:covid19@stemexpress.com)

**PPE & CLEANING RESOURCES:**

1. A County maintained list: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/reopen/directory>
2. [For additional cleaning resources.](#)

**COMMON COVID-19 PRODUCTION QUESTIONS**

Answers to some of the more commonly asked COVID-19 production questions follow. Exceptions to these would be those imposed by other governmental jurisdictions in regard to their own filming and COVID-19 policies. So, for instance, if you were filming on a state highway or in a state building located here in Placer County you would contact the California Film Commission for the state film permit & policies. Likewise, if you were to film on US Forest Service property located in our county you would permit through them, under their policies. We can help you with contacts, in those instances.

1. **What are the Placer County COVID-19 health protocols regarding filming?** Per the Placer County Health Office, only California's state health protocols apply. The same is true for our cities. These include the five general regulations all businesses must practice as well as the Music, Film & TV-specific guidelines: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#top>. *Please note that if the location owner agrees to filming, the owner may make any health protocol requirements they chose beyond what federal, state, county, or cities may require.* Because of the evolving nature of COVID-19 health metrics, this information is subject to change with little or no notice.
2. **Is the permit turnaround goal still 24-48 hours? NO.** Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation it is not as easy to predict how long it will take to process applications and issuing film permits so please allow more lead time when applying for a film permit. Productions should expect a minimum 2 - 4 day turn-around at this point for basic scenes such as B-roll, small dialog scenes, small photo shoots, minimal crew. For more complicated scenes expect longer turn-around times. These would include road closures and traffic control, drone filming, multiple agency coordination, pyro, and complex locations like bridges, courthouses, etc.

We recommend contacting the Film Office in advance of completing the application in case the review process brings up any circumstances that must be met prior to the permit being issued.

3. **Are you issuing permits for drones?** Yes, with the appropriate documentation.
4. **Will the talent also need to practice social distancing and other health protocols whilst filming?**  
**There is no county restriction, but the CA State health guidelines apply.**
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6. **If shooting interiors, will the talent be able to take off their mask during their scenes? What about exteriors?** There is no county restriction, **but** the CA State health guidelines apply.
7. **Is there a limit as to how many people can be on set; if so, what is that number; and does the number include crew and talent?** There is no county restriction, **but** the CA State health guidelines apply.
8. **Can production work in pods or teams to access the set** location (camera team sets up the Camera equipment and then leaves so the Lighting department can enter set and set light & leave, then the Art department team can enter and set up props, etc.)? There is no county restriction, **but** the CA State health guidelines apply.
9. **Will we be able to shoot multiple talent in the car at the same time? If yes, can they have their masks off?** Currently there are no county restrictions, **but** the CA State health guidelines apply.