

PLACER COUNTY COVID-19 PRODUCTION READINESS KIT
provided by the Placer-Lake Tahoe Film Office (530) 889-4091
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The following information is provided to assist productions when it comes to COVID-19 planning 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 filming information in Placer County can be found on our website, including an extensive location photo library, lodging information, crew resources, and permitting: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/1376/Film-Office>.

WHAT HEALTH PROTOCOLS ARE REQUIRED?

- Both the State's general and the Music, Film & TV industry-specific guidelines are required: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#top>. These guidelines must be followed for all filming within Placer County and in the City jurisdictions. There are no additional county or city restrictions.
- For union productions protocols and guidelines see their Return to Work Agreement: https://www.iatse.net/sites/default/files/return_to_work_agreement_9-21-20_00227310xbe9d7_0.pdf
- Private property owners may impose their own health requirements on their property so long as they are not less restrictive than current state guidelines and government health protocols.

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

- Production will need to add the name of their Covid-19 Compliance Officer & sign a Covid-19 Responsibility Statement on the permit application.
- 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>. Our cities have their own film permitting processes.

LOCATION SCOUTING (including Tech & Director scouts)

- Permittees, production personnel, and associates must comply with all applicable health codes while working in Placer County. Please visit the State's website for the current guidelines, <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#top>.

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

- North Lake Tahoe COVID-19 FAQs <https://www.gotahoenorth.com/covid-19-faqs-north-lake-tahoe/>
- 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 – for the most up-to-date information: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/reopen>

- Onsite testing locations: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> (or call 1-888-634-1123 during business hours)

- a. Rocklin, CA (Western Placer County) Rocklin Library, 4890 Granite Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677
- b. Truckee, CA (Tahoe area) 10990 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA 96161
- Remote testing services used by recent productions (these can be set up at your job site). These are not endorsements and are provided as a courtesy. We recommend checking all options:
 - c. Stem Express <https://www.stemexpress.com/> This is run by a local lab.
Or covid19@stemexpress.com (W) 530-303-3828
 - d. Onset Medic: <https://www.onsetmedics911.com/> (415) 914-4115

PPE & CLEANING RESOURCES:

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

COMMON COVID-19 PRODUCTION FAQs

1. **What are the Placer County COVID-19 health protocols regarding filming?** The Placer County Health Office has not added any additional COVID-19 guidelines beyond those imposed by the State of California. These include the general regulations that all businesses must practice as well as the Music, Film & TV-specific guidelines. Both can be found here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#top>.
2. **Is the county film permit turn-around goal still 24-48 hours for basic filming?** **NO.** Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation it is not easy to predict how long it will take to process applications and issue film permits so please allow more lead time when applying for a film permit. Productions should **expect a minimum 2 - 4-day turn-around for basic scenes** such as B-roll, small dialog scenes, small photo shoots, minimal crew, etc. For more complicated scenes expect longer turn-around times which include road closures and traffic control, pyro, drone filming, 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. **Are there other COVID-19 health guidelines in effect in Placer County?** Other government jurisdictions within our borders may have their own health protocols such as State Parks and US Forest Service. Please check with their permitting offices for details. The Film Office may be able to assist with contact information.
5. **Can production work in pods/teams, or zones on set?** Yes, per the state guidelines and, if applicable, union guidelines.

The following questions below: **Currently there are not additional county restrictions, so the CA State health guidelines apply, and if applicable, those in the union-management Return to Work Agreement:** https://www.iatse.net/sites/default/files/return_to_work_agreement_9-21-20_00227310xbe9d7_0.pdf

6. **Will talent also need to practice social distancing and other health protocols whilst filming?** Yes, per above.
7. **Will talent be able to take off their mask during their scenes?** Yes, per above.
8. **Is there a limit as to how many production personnel can be on set or basecamp?** No, per above.
9. **Will production be able to shoot multiple talent in a car at the same time?** Yes, per above.