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COVID 19: H&S PROTOCOL - MAY 2022

Minimising the risk of potential COVID-19 transmission between our staff, clients, suppliers as well as the wider public is of paramount importance to us.

This document, following current government and NHS guidance, sets out our policy and working practices with the aim of maximising effectiveness in terms of providing a safe and healthy workplace.

Given the specific hazards and working conditions of the film, television and creative media industries, we will also monitor industry guidelines from organisations such as the APA (Advertising Producers Association) and PACT (Producers Alliance for Cinema & Television) and update this document so as to adhere to current 'best practice'.

We will ensure that our staff are regularly updated on the guidelines and working practices outlined in this document.

Testing and Symptoms

Centrestage Studios has provided lateral flow tests for its staff, all of whom test three times per week.

Any member of our staff who suspects that they have COVID-19 symptoms or becomes unwell will be asked to take a PCR test and remain at home, self-isolating for a five-day period.

Entry

Each stage has its own entrance, located at separate addresses:

A-Stage: 8-10 Colebrooke Place, London N1 8HZ

B-Stage: 5 St Peter Street, London N1 8JD

For the benefit of all others within the building, visitors will be asked on arrival to please read a Health Declaration Notice. This document is basically a checklist of reasons why someone should not enter the premises.

Social Distancing Measures

Our staff will observe a one-metre social distancing rule within our workplace and any visitors to our premises will be requested to respect this measure. Our experience is that many humans find it incredibly difficult to manage even a one-metre distance, so we ask that clients please try to encourage and remind those in their charge to be observant of the rule.

Hand Sanitiser, Hand Washing & PPE

There are hand-washing facilities on the stages, make-up rooms and in the bathrooms.

Bottles of hand sanitiser will be located throughout our premises. All staff and visitors to be advised to use hand sanitiser frequently throughout the day and similarly to wash their hands on a regular basis.

Clients are requested to arrive with their own hand sanitiser and face masks and distribute to anyone who does not have them, please.

Everyone entering the building is still requested to wear a face mask, but we do respect the fact that this is no longer a legal requirement and the parallel fact that nobody is wearing them anymore.

Bathrooms

We have left instructions in each cubicle requesting that the seat be left down when flushing. This helps limit 'droplet dispersion'. Our toilet cubicles are individually isolated and ventilated to outside, which means that visitors may continue to use the hand dryers. We will also provide hand towels.

An NHS study suggests than conventional warm-air dryers (like our ones) can perform as well as paper towels or 'modern blade-style dryers' if the hands are dried for the full amount of time that the air flow continues.

Each of our bathrooms has a shower room, which may be used by visitors and staff alike. We ask that people please bring their own towels.

Hygiene – furniture and equipment

We have installed apparatus that will manufacture and dispense **Stabilised Aqueous Ozone (SAO)**. SAO is harmless to people but will kill contaminants with which it comes in to contact, such as viruses, germs, bacteria etc.

We will use SAO to sanitise the studios and equipment:

***High-touch surfaces** such as door handles, taps, tables, chair backs etc will be cleaned regularly during the shooting day by Centrestage staff (unless access to the stage is not appropriate). If we cannot get on to the stage, we would expect that those within would conduct their own cleaning regime, please.

***General Deep Clean** – we will arrange for the stage and common parts to be sprayed at night with 'SAO', using an Atomiser. Atomised particles stick to all surfaces with which they come in contact and kill contaminants before evaporating.

***Clean as you go** - we would expect that crew and other visitors to our premises 'do their bit' by cleaning as they go. For instance, make-up and wardrobe rooms as well as production offices should be disinfected (spraying and wiping all surfaces and fixtures with a decontaminant) at the end of the day by those who have been the principal occupants, please. We will make our SAO available to those who are volunteering the cleaning.

Ventilation

Both stages are fitted with large ventilating systems permitting a high turnaround in fresh air exchange. Ventilation on the stages can be constant, assuming the stage doors may be left to some extent open, or just between takes (high-powered ventilation is quite noisy). The canteen and offices are constantly ventilated. Fan units are deep cleaned and filters are changed on a regular basis. There is no air conditioning system within the building.

How many people?

Our current recommendation is that the total amount of visitors be as follows:

A-Stage: 24 (Stage-18/Ancillary Rooms-6)

B-Stage: 16 (Stage-10/Ancillary Rooms-6)

These are guidelines, based on our intimate knowledge of the space and on professional advice, but we do need them to be respected please and we will need information regarding numbers of visitors for all bookings please.

Access & separating the stages

Each stage benefits from its own entrance, both for pedestrians and vehicles, on different sides of the building. Clients will in advance of the booking be asked to direct their associates to those entrances.

Refreshments

We are recommended that where possible one designated crew member uses the refreshment area to make tea & coffee etc and takes them to the stage.

Each stage has a designated water cooler. We ask that all visitors bring a refillable water bottle with them, preferably clearly labelled with their name.

Catering

Chef Michelle has in past months tailored our catering set-up so that all meals are now packaged individually. For breakfast, buffet service has resumed but lunch is still wrapped and carefully covered as appropriate to the items on the menu and presented to you in hot boxes so that you may arrange your own safe distribution.

If you would prefer breakfast to be served as individual portions then please let know.

Waste

Bins will be covered or in most cases will be pedal-bins. Recycling facilities in place as usual, with the addition of a bin for PPE waste.

Finally

Centrestage Studios cannot accept any responsibility for any transmission of the COVID-19 virus that may have taken place on its premises. As with other matters of health & safety, we are acting on advice, regulations and common sense to make the studios as safe an environment as possible under the current conditions. Clients must please accept responsibility for any risk to themselves or to any personnel who they may bring with them.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS
