



## ScreenSafe Health and Safety Protocols Addendum

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### Level 1 Guidance

#### Context:

Please ensure that this addendum is read within the context of the overall Health and Safety Protocols - the addendum will be incorporated back into the main Protocols at the first opportunity.

Please also note that this is based on government guidance on Level 1 conditions as at 08 June, 2020. Please note that these should be adjusted as the overall guidance changes, or of course if the situation in New Zealand changes.

#### Overall:

Level 1 is a significant easing of restrictions around physical distancing – however it is important to note the specific actions that remain important whilst Covid-19 is still a potential threat.

- Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands! Although Level 1 is a significant easing of some restrictions, cleaning and hygiene protocols will remain – this includes both personal hygiene measures and production wide cleaning and hygiene protocols.
- Do not come to work if you are unwell or display any of the symptoms of Covid-19. See the Protocols for more detail around the symptoms.
- Physical distancing requirements are removed under Level 1. This means there are no WorkSafe restrictions on proximity, size or physical contact. However, as above rigorous hygiene measures should be applied to minimise any risk. Also – crew and cast comfort levels and any individual conditions should be taken into account here.
- On Screen action therefore has no specific limitations – e.g. physical contact, intimacy, stunts. However, as above individual comfort should be taken into account here and the crew and cast affected should be specifically consulted with and involved in discussions around what level of physical contact is comfortable for all parties.
- At this point there are still strict border controls in place, with the 14 day quarantine requirement still in place for any arrivals. As this changes we will revisit any necessary guidelines.

#### To Continue:

- **Health and Safety Plan with a Covid-19 risk minimisation approach.** You need to ensure you still have a robust H&S plan that includes the relevant information to demonstrate you are thinking about risk minimisation and have procedures in place to deal with an outbreak or suspected outbreak (Contact Tracing, Health Declarations and Hygiene Practices).
- **Contact Tracing.** Due to the particular nature of our industry, where you may be working with a number of new or different people every few days, it is still important that we continue with robust contact tracing – both on shoots and in the production office environment. If there is an outbreak or suspected outbreak, this will allow us to very quickly

move to notify all affected people, and hopefully contain it and minimise the number of productions affected.

- **Health Declarations.** For the same reasons we'd recommend continuing to obtain Health Declarations for all crew, cast, and any visitors to the set – e.g. agency and client. This helps protect against the possible spread of future cases or outbreaks, particularly as our border controls ease.
- **ScreenSafe Registrations.** For the foreseeable future, please ensure all productions continue to register on the [ScreenSafe registration page](#). This quick and easy process ensures that there is a register for any H&S or Covid-19 related reason and prompts all productions in our industry to ensure they are aware of, and working to, H&S Standards and practising risk minimisation.

#### **On Set:**

- Ensure systems for Health Declarations and Contact Tracing are set up and followed through.
- Continue to ensure good access to handwashing/sanitising stations.
- Unit & Catering can get back to normal food service, but it is still important that they continue to apply good hygiene and cleaning practices.
- There is no strict requirement to follow the close proximity bubbles anymore, but for any close proximity work, please ensure crew and cast are comfortable with the level of contact being suggested.
- Good or regular cleaning practices should remain, including those around rubbish bins, toilet facilities, and high touch surfaces.
- Suppliers are encouraged to sanitise rentals between hires, but daily sanitising of equipment on set is no longer a requirement (unless deemed necessary).

#### **Location Permitting:**

- No specific restrictions on permitting – however, please ensure you have a specific H&S Plan as above, and have registered your production with ScreenSafe, before applying for a permit to shoot.
- Whilst there are no specific size restrictions related to Covid-19, other than the productions ability to control, specifically contact trace, and apply relevant hygiene measures, it is still very important that public safety and comfort be taken into account with any shooting in public places. Therefore you should continue to apply all informational and risk minimisation practices, including letterdrops/door knocking and posters with Covid-19 specific information, and safety procedures including such things as physical barriers or controlled entry points.