

Technical Production Commission's COVID-19 Reopening Guides

Control Booths

Purpose:

- To provide guidance for use of theatrical control booths during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Guidelines:

- All occupants using the Control Booth should conduct a self-health check prior to arriving at work. [1]
- COVID-19 Symptoms: [2]
 - Do you have a temperature of over 100°F?
 - Are you currently experiencing any of the following symptoms that started within the last 14 days?
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- All Personnel will wear a face covering when in the control booth. [3, 6-p10]
- Where possible the control booth should be reconfigured to allow for at least 6 feet separation of booth personnel, where it is not possible physical barriers should be installed between personnel work stations. [4, p12]
- A Hand Sanitizing Station should be setup in just after the entrance to the control booth and everyone should utilize them as they enter the control booth. [4, p8; 5, p11]
- Equipment and Consoles should be wiped down with a disinfectant that meets EPA List N guidelines and manufacturer's guidance before and after use. [5, p9-10; 6, p12]
- Access to the control booth should be limited to personnel who absolutely need to be in the control booth, a separate area backstage should be designated as a pick-up/drop-off point for headsets and belt packs, walkie-talkies, microphones, etc. [4, p10; 6]
- If the sound operator is located in the control booth with an open window and it is close to audience seating, Front of House Management should block off those seats so a 6' distance can be maintained between the operator and audience. [6, p21]
- If the sound operator is in the house, Front of House Management should block off those seats so a 6' distance can be maintained between the operator and audience. [4; 6, p21]
 - Physical Barriers should be installed if it isn't possible to block off seats. [4, p12; 6, p21]

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Resources:

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