

Technical Production Commission's COVID-19 Reopening Guides

Dressing Room and Green Room Mitigation

Objective:

- To provide a comprehensive mitigation approach for dressing rooms and green rooms in theatrical spaces. Recognizing that no two theatres are alike, this guidance will seek to provide a variety of options in hopes that every theatre can find a mitigation technique that suits their needs.

Scope:

- The primary focus of this document is regarding dressing rooms and green rooms. However, some of the techniques described below may be applicable to other communal theatre spaces as well.

Guidance:

- Dressing Rooms
 - Whenever possible, arrange seating and dressing room stations in a manner that allows for 6 feet of distancing between actors. Social distancing shall be observed at all times in dressing rooms. [1; 6, p13]
 - If additional spacing and temporary dressing rooms are not possible, an alternative option would be the fabrication and installation of barriers to create separation between individuals. [1; 4, p12]
 - Consider alternating call times or a scheduled time frame to allow cast members and crew to safely access high-demand spaces, such as wardrobe, hair, makeup, etc. [6, p13]
 - Provide access to fully supplied hand washing stations and provide ample hand sanitizer. [1; 4, p8; 5; 6, p11]
 - Ensure adequate ventilation. If possible, utilize fresh air for HVAC systems and airflow, and install high-efficiency air filters. [1; 6, p10]
 - Limit access to actors and essential personnel only. [6, p13]
- Green Rooms
 - Seating should be limited to allow for 6 feet of distancing at all times. If this is not an option, consider fabrication barriers to limit inter-person exposure. Social distancing shall be observed at all times in green rooms. [1; 4, p12; 6, p13]
 - If limited seating creates logistical issues, explore unused space for any overflow capacity needed.
 - All green room spaces should be stocked with hand sanitizer and/or have fully supplied hand washing stations available for use. [1; 6, p11]
 - Ensure adequate ventilation. If possible, utilize fresh air for HVAC systems and airflow, and install high-efficiency air filters. [1; 6 p10]
 - Limit access to actors and essential personnel only. [6, p13]
- Cleaning & Sanitizing
 - A full cleaning of all high touch and heavy used surfaces should be completed at least daily with a COVID approved disinfectant or virucide. [1; 4, p9; 6, p12]
- Check on revised AEA guidance regarding required coffee stations in greenroom.

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Resources:

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