

# Technical Production Commission's COVID-19 Reopening Guides

## Social Distancing in the Scene Shop and for Stage Operations

Support Social Distancing at all times per CDC [1, 2] and OSHA [3] guidelines using techniques such as:

- Adjust overall goals and scope of projects to reduce contacts. Account for changes to budget models, time expectations, and personnel when considering such alterations. [4]
- Consider physical setup, workflow, and traffic patterns when designating a safe operating capacity. [5] Overall room capacity based upon social distancing and square footage may be used to create an occupancy upper limit. [6, 7] Actual limits may be impacted by factors such as:
  - Choke points such as loading doors
  - Areas used as storage that reduce usable square footage
  - Workflow patterns and expectations that force workers into close proximity
- Rearrange communal workspaces by repositioning workstations and tools to keep workers a minimum of six feet apart. [8]
- Consider moving work outdoors to more easily meet social distancing guidelines. [9]
- Remove or rearrange chairs and tables in break rooms, green rooms, and other areas where workers congregate. [10]
- Stagger breaks, arrivals, and departure times to maintain social distancing expectations in often crowded areas such as entrances, time clocks, break rooms, and green rooms. [11]
- Post signage and markings identifying changes in capacity, modifications to access and pathways, COVID-19 cleaning best practices, social distancing requirements and other minimum safety expectations. [12]
  - Add signs such as:
    - Cleaning reminders and procedures at stationary tools.
    - CDC handwashing guidelines at sink stations.
  - Add markings such as:
    - Six-foot social distancing marks on the floor in common areas such as time-clock, entryways, etc.
    - Floor arrows indicating traffic patterns.
    - Six-foot arcs around areas such as stationary tool operator position, paint sinks, etc.
- Emergency situations such as shelter-in-place protocols, emergency evacuations, and the need to administer first-aid, rescue, or other life-saving measures may need to be reevaluated with social distancing restrictions in mind. If a situation requires the suspension of social distancing protocols, updated risk assessments should be completed. Consult with appropriate local authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) for guidance in these situations. [13]

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### Resources:

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-manufacturing-workers-employers.html>
3. <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/construction.html>
4. <https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/advisory/articles/impact-of-covid-19-on-capital-projects-and-construction-programs.html>
5. <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/construction.html>
6. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/office-buildings.html>
7. [https://aiha-assets.sfo2.digitaloceanspaces.com/AIHA/resources/Guidance-Documents/Reopening-Guidance-for-General-Office-Settings\\_GuidanceDocument.pdf](https://aiha-assets.sfo2.digitaloceanspaces.com/AIHA/resources/Guidance-Documents/Reopening-Guidance-for-General-Office-Settings_GuidanceDocument.pdf)
8. <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA4002.pdf>
9. [https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/SCHOOLTHEATRE/7f9e7fa8-ea41-4033-b6a3-1ce9da6a7b6f/UploadedFiles/HPVMgpNDTw2FWro1JLiL\\_EdTA\\_ReOpen\\_Guide\\_2020\\_FINAL.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/SCHOOLTHEATRE/7f9e7fa8-ea41-4033-b6a3-1ce9da6a7b6f/UploadedFiles/HPVMgpNDTw2FWro1JLiL_EdTA_ReOpen_Guide_2020_FINAL.pdf)
10. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/office-buildings.html>
11. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-manufacturing-workers-employers.html>
12. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-manufacturing-workers-employers.html>
13. [https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/COVID-19/Protection%20documents/NFCC\\_Protection\\_-\\_COVID-19\\_Protection\\_Advice\\_to\\_Businesses\\_-\\_9\\_April\\_-\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/COVID-19/Protection%20documents/NFCC_Protection_-_COVID-19_Protection_Advice_to_Businesses_-_9_April_-_FINAL.pdf)

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