



MISSISSAUGA

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Hello Residents and Stakeholders,

As a result of the enhanced province-wide shutdown measures announced on January 12, we understand that there are questions about productions filming during this time. The film industry has been allowed to continue working through the pandemic, in studio and on location, due to its highly rigorous, industry-specific COVID19 health & safety regulations. This allows the industry to continue to play an important role supporting Mississauga's economic recovery.

What are the restrictions for filming in Mississauga under a lockdown?

Film and television productions operate as workplaces, and follow guidelines approved by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. Where work is being carried out, as in the attached notification, the capacity limits specified in the regulations for organized public events and social gatherings under Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework do not apply.

The regulations allow film and television production, post-production, visual effects and animation, including all supporting activities such as hair, makeup and wardrobe to proceed with the following restrictions:

- No studio audiences permitted on the film or television set.
- No more than 10 performers (actors) permitted on the film or television set.
- Set must be configured and operated in such a way as to enable persons on the set to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from other persons, except where necessary for the filming of the film or television production.
- Persons who provide hair or makeup services must wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

Performers are permitted to remove their masks while actively filming, and both cast and crew can remove masks while eating and drinking.

The new Framework with restrictions can be found here:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20448861/enhanced-provincewide-shutdown.pdf>

What set of Covid-19 safety guidelines and restrictions govern the film industry?

The Ministry of Labour's Section 21 Health and Safety Guidelines for the Film Industry now include extensive COVID-19 measures. They can be found here <https://www.filmsafety.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/S21-Film-Television-COVID19-Guidance-June.25.20.pdf>

Thank you.

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