



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

COVID-19 RETURN TO WORK SAFELY ADDENDUM (UPDATE 1-14-2021)

Dear Members,

As you likely have heard by now, the IATSE in conjunction with the DGA, SAG-AFTRA, Teamsters and Basic Crafts have concluded negotiations Dear Members,

As you are well aware, the pandemic has caused much uncertainty in the scheduling of work in our industry. As productions are extending their normal holiday hiatuses due to the recent and steady rise in COVID cases, productions are scrambling to change start dates, and in turn the start of employment. This, of course, affects post-production as well. Various scenarios have unfolded as everyone is doing their best to accommodate the uncertainty of when work will fully resume. This all happening just as productions had been starting back up and we became hopeful of the industry fully rebounding.

Many of you have had last-minute changes to your schedules and, in some instances, less than ideal communication about things being delayed. While we all continue to navigate through this, we must remain patient with the ever-changing schedules. We understand the unemployment rollercoaster this puts you on.

Over the course of the holidays, and subsequent delayed restart of production, the Unions (IA, DGA, SAG-AFTRA and Teamsters) agreed to work with the productions to allow flexibility, supplementing the RTW Agreement. Important things for you to note are:

- Stipulations to allow for pro-ration of weekly hires, etc.
- Notice of lay-off waivers if the layoffs occurred because production shutdown due to positive COVID test(s) and/or due to extended hiatus to allow time for testing of returning employees.
- Sick pay for employees being put out of work if an employee has an eligible COVID-19 event. (eligible COVID-19 events are described on page 6, #9 - [RTW summary](#)).

If you believe violations of any of these temporary COVID-related agreements have occurred, or if something just doesn't seem right, it is always best to check with our Field Rep staff. Many of you regularly do that, and when we determine there was indeed a violation, we get it corrected.

Most importantly, please be well. We look so forward to being on the other side of this.

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With best regards and solidarity,

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