



# REKOMENDACIJOS

**Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania**

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT METHODS OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS INFECTION) DURING FILMING**

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Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania, in response to the unfavourable conditions of COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) epidemic situation, and in regard to the quarantine declared in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania from 00:00 hours on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by the decision of the Government of Lithuania no. 207 made on 14th March 2020 “Regarding declaring quarantine within the Republic of Lithuania” (thereafter – the Decision No. 207) criteria, is providing recommendations for the filming crews and subcontractors regarding organisation of operations during the quarantine:

1. To ensure, that individuals employed during the period of filming, have no symptoms of severe respiratory infections, or other infectious diseases (fever (37.3°C or above), cold, cough, heavy breathing etc.):
  - 1.1 it is recommended to check the body temperature of all the individuals working on set upon arrival. Actors, filming crew, other individuals who have a fever (37.3°C or above), have to be furloughed immediately;
  - 1.2 to constantly watch their own and other individuals', present on set, health;
  - 1.3 to inform all individuals working on set, that they are forbidden from attending the set if they have any symptoms of a severe respiratory infection or any other infectious diseases (for example a fever (37.3°C or above) cold, cough, heavy breathing etc.);
  - 1.4 if any symptoms of a severe respiratory infection or any other infectious diseases (for example a fever (37.3°C or above) cold, cough, heavy breathing etc.) become apparent during filming, the employee has to be furloughed immediately, the employer has to provide them with an opportunity

to consult on the Coronavirus Hotline tel. no. 1808 or to get in touch with their family doctor to have a remote consultation;

- 1.5 if an actor, member of the filming crew, extra or any other individual working on set is diagnosed with COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) or if the administration receives information that an employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (coronavirus infection), they have to inform the National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health (hereafter NPHC), to collaborate with NPHC when tracing contact with other individuals and to implement 14 day isolation for the exposed individuals.
2. Individuals, who have to be isolated cannot take part in filming during their period of isolation.
3. **Outsiders are not allowed on set.**

### **Safe distance**

4. To adhere to the safe distance requirements:
  - 4.1 to limit physical contact among all the individuals, present on set, maintaining the distance of no less than **2 (two) metres**. If contact is essential, to limit the time of contact;
  - 4.2 to limit physical contact among all crew present on set, during rest, mealtimes, maintaining the distance of no less than **2 (two) metres** or to limit contact time to no more than **15 (fifteen) minutes** at the time.

### **Personal protective equipment**

5. All individuals involved in filming should wear personal protective equipment (thereafter PPE):
  - 5.1 if filming is taking place in open air spaces (market squares and other public trade spaces) and in public non-open air spaces, except for the exceptions defined in the Decision No. 207, all individuals older than 6 (six) years old should wear PPE that covers their mouth and nose (such as masks, respirators and other devices);
  - 5.2 in other public spaces it is recommended for all individuals older than 6 (six) years old to wear PPE that covers their mouth and nose (such as masks, respirators and other devices);
  - 5.3 PPE that covers the mouth and nose (such as masks, respirators and other devices) are not used, if due to nature of their work the individual cannot wear them, e.g. actors, extras, during filming;
  - 5.4 used PPE should be discarded in a separate bag and placed in a domestic waste container.

## **Hand hygiene**

6. To provide an opportunity for appropriate hand hygiene and disinfection of all individuals present on set – next to the entrance to set and a lavatory on set, next to catering area in a prominent location a disinfectant should be placed along with visual recommendations for hand washing and (or) disinfection.
7. To provide conditions and to ensure, that all individuals present on set should adhere to strict hand hygiene (frequent washing of hands with liquid soap under warm running water, disinfecting of hands with disinfectants), avoid touching their face, eyes, nose, mouth etc., maintain the etiquette of not sneezing or coughing publicly. It is recommended to display signs, reminding individuals to adhere to these safety requirements.

## **Make-up**

8. When individuals working on set are being made-up or their hair is being done:
  - 8.1 during the process, while procedure is being completed, or the services are provided, it should be done whilst wearing a protective mask or other protective equipment for the face. Make-up and hair specialists have to wear a single use protective (surgical) mask;
  - 8.2 if the individual who is receiving the service cannot wear PPE due to nature of the procedure / service and the procedure is done on the face, neck, chest area, make-up and hair specialists whilst providing the service have to wear a single use protective (surgical) mask and a protective face shield or an FFP2 respirator and protective glasses;
  - 8.3 service provider has to adhere to the general rules as defined by Lithuanian hygiene norms HN 117:2007 “Beauty service health safety requirements”, confirmed by the order of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania No. V-633 on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007 “Regarding the hygiene standards HN 117:2007 “Beauty service health safety requirements” confirmation” regarding defined tools, equipment and other inventory maintenance, cosmetic products’ safety requirements.

## **Catering**

9. If catering is organised for individuals working on set:
  - 9.1 priority should be given to take-away foods;
  - 9.2 individual dishes, flasks etc. should be used;
  - 9.3 ensure appropriate safe distance (no less than 2 metres) is kept between individuals during mealtimes;

9.4 buffet style catering, when individuals working on set place the food in their own plates themselves, cannot be used.

### **Indoor filming**

10. If filming takes place in closed spaces, rooms should be aired no less than once per hour opening the windows widely.

### **Cleaning and Disinfection**

11. To ensure appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the working environment:

11.1 surfaces that are frequently touched (door handles, light switches, backs of the chairs, frequently touched props etc.) should be cleaned with appropriate cleaning products as frequently as possible, but no less than 2 (two) times per day;

11.2 vehicles used in filming, and also vehicles that are used to transport the filming crew and actors, should be cleaned prior to every filming shift, carefully cleaning and disinfecting all frequently touched surfaces (the steering wheel, the clutch, grab rails, handles etc.);

11.3 all other cleaning and disinfection of the environment should be conducted according to the Recommendations for disinfection for healthcare institutions and non-healthcare premises (non-healthcare sector, when suspecting or when a case of COVID-19 has been confirmed) ([https://sam.lrv.lt/uploads/sam/documents/files/REKOMENDACIJOS%20dezinfekcijai%2020200327%20\(1\).pdf](https://sam.lrv.lt/uploads/sam/documents/files/REKOMENDACIJOS%20dezinfekcijai%2020200327%20(1).pdf)) .