

COVID-19 AUDIOVISUAL PROTOCOL - VERSION 3.0 / 1 JULY 2020

PREFACE

How does version 3.0 of the protocol (1 July 2020) differ from version 2.0 (29 May 2020)?

- 1. HIGH RISK** | Intimate scenes or scenes with intensive physical contact can be performed, under the conditions that the persons involved do remain in home isolation during the rehearsal and shooting period and that they are preventively diagnostically tested for COVID-19 (items 47 and 48). Also see the detailed explanation regarding preventive testing.
- 2. MEDIUM RISK** | For persons who cannot keep a distance of 1.5 metres in their work and cannot wear protective clothing (without performing intimate scenes), they no longer need to remain in home insulation during the rehearsal and recording period. This is only possible under the conditions that these persons have no complaints and that they work in a controllable group with repeat contacts (point 46).
- 3. TEST IN CASE OF HEALTH COMPLAINTS** | In case of health complaints, it is recommended to make use of the extended possibilities to test for a COVID-19 infection - e.g. through the GGD or general practitioner, (points 7 and 8). Also see the detailed explanation below.
- 4. CLEANING** | The use of disinfectants is no longer required for the cleaning of sites and utensils. Use the general hygiene guidelines of the LCHV (Dutch National Centre for Hygiene and Safety) (points 10, 14, 21 and 37).
- 5. TRANSPORTATION** | Public transport can again be used for travel (wearing a face mask is mandatory. When using production vehicles, it is no longer necessary to apply a plastic partition, provided that a reservation is made in advance, a health check is made and a face mask is worn (point 22).
- 6. VIEWINGS** | Viewings no longer need to be organised online as much as possible (point 20).
- 7. DISTANCE** | Children and adolescents up to the age of 18 do not have to keep a distance of 1.5 meters (point 5).

Testing in case of (mild) health complaints

Anyone involved in a production should stay at home with cold symptoms such as nasal catarrh, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, slight cough or raised temperature up to 38 degrees Celsius until you are free of complaints for 24 hours. In case of fever (from 38 degrees Celsius) this also applies to their housemates.

In the case of health complaints that fit COVID-19, it is recommended to make use of the extended possibilities to test for coronavirus infection - e.g. via the GGD or GP (point 7 and 8 of the protocol). To make an appointment please call the national number **0800-1202**. This test is free of charge; the results are known after 24 to 48 hours. See also:

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19/testen>

In the unlikely event of a confirmed COVID-19 infection within the cast and crew, the infected person will be asked by the GGD to pass on their contacts (from two days before the complaints started). The GGD then approaches these persons and explains what measures they must take.

Preventive testing (HIGH RISK situations)

The protocol prescribes that persons in the HIGH RISK category, such as actors who have to perform intimate scenes (with intensive physical contact), should be subject to preventive diagnostic testing (point 48). Preventive testing means testing for the presence of the coronavirus without the person concerned showing symptoms of COVID-19.

The following provisions apply to preventive testing:

- Preventive testing for COVID-19 shall only be carried out by means of the so-called PCR test (polymerase chain reaction).
 - The analysis of this test takes place by a laboratory accredited for molecular SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics. A list of these laboratories can be found here (par. 6.1 and 6.2): <https://lci.rivm.nl/covid-19/bijlage/aanvullend>
 - The results are usually available within 48 hours.
 - Other (self-)tests have not yet been validated by RIVM and are not permitted.
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- Persons tested commit themselves to the strict guideline to stay at home as much as possible and only go outside for necessary reasons.
 - As soon as it has been established that the persons tested are not infected with COVID-19, scenes that fall into the HIGH RISK category (in which there is intensive physical contact) should be recorded as much as possible on the same day.
 - If there are several days of recording for high-risk scenes, the persons in question will be tested preventatively in a cycle that follows on from this. Preventive diagnostic testing thus becomes part of the daily routine.
 - The work floor/ admission location must be divided into zones. Tested and untested people must keep a minimum distance of 1.5 metres from each other at all times.
 - The number of people on the set during intimate scenes should be limited as much as possible.

FAQ

Who is responsible for the preventive tests?

Preventive testing is only necessary for those in the HIGH RISK category, such as actors who have to play intimate scenes with intensive physical contact. This always happens in the context of a production. The organisation and the costs of preventive testing are therefore borne by the production. The costs involved can be listed as COVID-19 related extra costs.

Can I use the GGD test lines for preventive diagnostic testing?

The GGD test lanes are intended for people who suffer from (mild) health problems that fit COVID-19. For the time being, it is unclear whether it is allowed to use these test lines for preventive tests (which may have to be carried out several times). We recommend that PCR tests are carried out by an accredited (independent) microbiological laboratory.

(Quick) tests are also offered by commercial parties, can I make use of this?

Only PCR tests have been designated by the RIVM as a reliable instrument to determine a COVID-19 infection. Other (self-)tests have not yet been validated by RIVM and are therefore not sufficient. There are also so-called serological (rapid) tests that show whether there are antibodies against the new coronavirus in your blood. These are not sufficient in case of HIGH RISK situations either.

See also: <https://www.rivm.nl/coronavirus-covid-19/testen>