

COVID-19

Modified Quarantine Procedures For Production/Film Crew Arriving on Kauai

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RULES FOR CREW TRAVELING TO HAWAII

Systematic or societal measures to reduce spread of COVID-19 vary from country to country. Any production filming in the County of Kauai must follow the general rules in effect for the State of Hawaii and the County of Kauai, regardless of the nationality of the cast and crew. Due to the lack of a vaccine or effective antiviral therapy against SARS-CoV-2 which causes COVID-19, the key systematic containment measures available for COVID-19 are isolation of individuals with COVID-19 and quarantine for individuals who are known or had possible contact with those with the virus. As an island-state, Hawaii is in a unique position to control the risk of the introduction of disease via travel through the implementation of a 14-day quarantine. The latest information on restrictions related to travel to Hawaii can be found here: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/coronavirus/>.

During the COVID-19 epidemic strict social distancing measures and bans on gatherings were put effect in Hawaii. The state is now in a phased-in reopening process, taking steps to gradually reduce the restrictions. The latest information on such restrictions can be found here:

<https://hawaiicovid19.com/>

<https://www.kauai.gov/covid-19>

The pillars of managing COVID-19 are quarantine measures, testing, contract tracing and practicing the safety habits of wearing facial coverings and good hygiene of which hand washing is paramount. These measures should be done as a matter of course, at work and in the after-work environment.

Please keep in mind that continued easing of restrictions is only possible if the epidemic does not swell again. If Kauai experiences a resurgence of cases of the virus, stricter rules may be enforced and modifications and exemptions restricted or voided.

MODIFIED QUARANTINE PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCTION

The following is a modification of the rules for quarantine for travel to Hawaii for the specific purpose of film production. In summary, the quarantine process is to be maintained throughout the first 14 days of arrival between the home and work environment, including transport to and from these locations. These modifications do not apply for individuals in quarantine after known exposure or for individuals with COVID-19 who must be isolated.

All incoming production personnel must undergo some type of quarantine when arriving to the islands. Based on testing and results, a full or modified quarantine strategy can be employed.

Full Quarantine status

Any production crews that are NOT requesting the Modified Quarantine are required to quarantine in an approved location pursuant to the State of Hawaii, Twelfth Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Emergency, for the entire 14 days.

Modified Quarantine Procedures

Implementation of the modified procedures must be requested on a project to project basis to receive an exemption of the standard travel restriction. If the production is able to work under the standard travel restriction, no modification request is necessary.

If the current travel restrictions cannot be followed, a modified quarantine may be implemented if a suitable safety plan is adopted. The safety plan must be submitted to the Kauai Incident Management Team. The production company and the participants who will be quarantined must sign affidavits confirming they will conform to the plan.

Production must follow these rules:

Administer a valid PCR test 2 – 3 days before to boarding a flight to Kauai. A negative result for COVID-19 is required; self-quarantine must be done between the time of the test and boarding the flight.

While traveling it is recommended that all travelers carry hand-sanitizer to use frequently during travel, especially after touching common surfaces in the airport or airplane, and prior to meals. The use of cloth face coverings is required to the greatest extent possible throughout the entire travel process.

Upon arrival on Kauai, the production personnel must travel from the airport directly to their temporary residence and quarantine in their place of residence until a 2nd test can be administered six(6) to seven (7) days after arrival on Kauai. If the second test result is negative, the modified quarantine status will begin and continue until the traveler's 14th day in Hawaii.

Production must provide a COVID staff contact and at least one licensed medical doctor or nurse to isolate, monitor and provide care for any positive COVID cases. Production staff will immediately report any positive cases to the Hawaii Department of Health and the Kauai Film Office. All testing requirements and associated costs of testing are the sole responsibility of the production company. All testing procedures and protocols must comply with all applicable CDC guidelines and any guidelines recommended by the Department of Health, State of Hawaii.

Inter-island travel will be restricted to any crew who are under a modified quarantine status until the 14th day in Hawaii.

During their modified quarantine status, a crew member may travel from their place of residence (hotel, home, etc.) to the place of work (set, production office) via a private vehicle (no ride share vehicles or public transportation will be allowed).

A wellness check consisting of a temperature check and symptoms questionnaire of all modified quarantine status crew must be done prior to the start of their work each day until the 14th day in Hawaii.

Hawaii has implemented limitations on the size of gatherings due to COVID-19. Film crews must check both state and local rules to ensure compliance with current gathering size restrictions. While such limitations are in effect, they apply to film production crews regardless of whether a crew has received approval for a modified quarantine.

Crew size should be kept to a minimum in general, and organized into groups in such a way that a safe distance of six (6) feet between crew members and cast in other groups can generally be maintained. It is highly recommended that a ZONE system described in the Safe Way Forward document be created and adhered to at all times.

The number of people on set for each scene or task should be limited as much as possible.

Visitors are not allowed on set. Cast and crew should only be present for scenes and tasks in which they are directly involved.

Government officials which may include film office personnel, executive or departmental staff are not classified as visitors.

All productions requesting a Modified Quarantine will follow the Safe Way Forward Production Safety Guidelines to the extent possible. This document can be found here:

https://www.sagaftra.org/files/sa_documents/ProductionSafetyGuidelines_June2020EditedP.pdf

Working with Hotels

Production must work with local hoteliers to ascertain if the hotel can provide an adequate quarantine location for the production. A complete resort may be utilized, or partial area in a resort that is large enough to provide a mini-quarantine zone(s) away from all other guests (a section, wing, an entire floor, etc). In addition to the identification of proper quarantine zones, production must work with local hoteliers to pre-determine adequate isolation areas on site for any film crew who test positive for COVID-19 during their quarantine period who do not require hospital-level care.

All personnel (cast and crew) on a film/TV production in the County of Kauai must wear visible identification lanyards or ID tags at all times to document the name of the person, the production crew, lodging address, and any exemptions received from the State of Hawaii or the County of Kauai. On-air cast is exempt from this recommendation while they are actively being photographed for a scene.

Changes to travel restrictions to the County of Kauai and Hawaii may result in changes to these procedures.