

April 19, 2021

Ken Alexce
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Dear Ken Alexce:

In consultation with Creative Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Media Production Industry's request that actors be permitted not to wear a mask during filming and the accompanying On-Set COVID-19 Safety Protocol have been reviewed.

The request is considered to be acceptable provided the safety protocol is adhered to by the operators of film productions. This includes actors:

- work in a "Bubble" type environment and are not permitted to socialize with others, while working on set throughout the project;
- wear masks when not filming;
- undertake temperature checks before entering the building or set, and,
- recommended weekly testing (either point of care or other may also be considered as appropriate).

In order to advise the public of this allowance, the above conditions must be included on your website.

On April 19, 2021, the Public Health Order- Face Coverings will be updated to allow individuals to not wear a face covering while acting or performing in a commercial film, television, or media production, for the duration of the scene or performance.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been unpredictable, particularly with the evolution of new variants. Public health officials will continue to monitor and review local and provincial epidemiology in determining if any further restrictions will be required.

Sincerely,



Dr. Saqib Shahab
Chief Medical Health Officer

cc: Erin Dean, CEO Creative Saskatchewan
