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# GETTING BACK TO FILMING...



CPI TESTING TO GET BACK TO WORK IN 2021

- Due to guidelines and working practices put in place by the CPI and the other film industry groups in Ireland there have been no outbreaks or clusters of Covid-19 on any film sets.
- As current numbers are high, and there are new more transmissible variants to consider, we are now at a critical stage where we must adapt in order to keep our advertising film production industry open.
- While we remain under restrictions due to Covid-19, CPI are advising the introduction of advance testing for core crew members who will be in close contact with each other and with cast.
- As there is no one-size fits all approach with testing, testing levels should be assessed by the Producer when reviewing the script requirements.

## Close Contact

- All cast, and relevant close contact crew, (including secondary and background cast) who will be unmasked for any period of time should be tested.
- Key cast should have a PCR test at least once within a 48 hr minimum period prior to shoot.
- Secondary tier crew, and cast unmasked for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes or more, should also have rapid antigen testing on the day of the shoot. Key cast to be filmed unmasked should also take a rapid antigen test on the morning of shoot.
- A positive test will be notified to Public Health and all guidelines then followed to ensure isolation of the positive case.
- We do not need to test people who have tested positive for covid-19 in the previous 90 days. They must produce evidence of a confirmed positive test

- A negative PCR or rapid antigen test does not mean that risky behaviour, or that taking risks is justified.
- Rapid antigen testing should only be carried out by a qualified health/medical professional to minimise the occurrence of false negatives.
- All CPI protocols on hand hygiene, reporting illness prior to shoot, close contact recording, mask wearing and social distancing still apply, and are in addition to testing.
- No test is 100% accurate, but it is accepted that testing is another tool in our arsenal that will assist us in returning to work safely.
- Testing protocols will remain in place until Public Health and Government advise otherwise. PCR may possibly be replaced with rapid testing once the national vaccination programme is nearing completion.

- Cost of testing:
- PCR Test costs approx €130 per person
- Cast will also be paid €50 wardrobe fee for their time.
- Rapid Antigen Test costs approx €70 per person
- Clients should be advised to allocate a specific budget to testing that is separate to the main production budget.

- Newly noted symptoms include:
  - Loss of taste/smell
  - Diarrhoea
  - Vomiting
  - Sinus and facial pain
  - Headache
  - General feeling of malaise/exhaustion
  - Joint pain
  - Sore throat
  - Conjunctivitis
  - Rash or covid toe/fingers
- It is advised that any general feeling of illness should be treated as Covid-19, until PCR testing confirms Covid not detected.