

CONDITIONS FOR FILM PERMITTING UNDER THE MAY 17, 2020 SAN FRANCISCO ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-07d

Film SF/San Francisco Film Commission will begin issuing permits to productions seeking to engage in film production within San Francisco in accordance with the May 17, 2020 **ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-07d**, provided productions are able to meet the following guidelines:

- Crew and personnel on location is limited to the fewest number of people needed (up to a maximum of 10 people).
- All crew and personnel on location must comply with social distancing, face covering, and sanitation requirements as noted in the Order of the Health Officer.
- If filming indoors, the location must be (and remain) closed to the public in addition to the three requirements noted above.

Note: Film SF/Film Commission still does not permit private locations, Recreation & Parks jurisdictions or GGNRA

For the latest update on the health order in San Francisco, go to this link:

<https://sf.gov/stay-home-except-essential-needs>

Are photographers permitted to work under the new May 17 order?

Yes, photographers are permitted to work as follows: First, photography related to news/journalism is permitted under the exception for “Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.” Second, personal outdoor photography is allowed as a permissible outdoor activity. And third, as long as it was done before March 16, 2020 primarily outdoors, professional photography that is done outdoors is permitted as an Outdoor Business, so long as social distance requirements are maintained.

Are permits for film productions allowed at this time?

Yes, in compliance with the listed above.

How long will it take to process a permit?

We typically require 4 full business days to process a permit (5 business days for student permits) but due to Covid-19 circumstances we may need more lead time to process your permit.

Can I obtain a permit to post parking for production vehicles?

Yes, if a production meets the requirements for filming under the Order, then you may also obtain a permit to post parking. You will need to go through the [procedures](#) to obtain a permit and will need to work with one of the posting vendors to post your parking. We are not allowing productions to self-post at this time.

What are the current social distancing, sanitation and face covering requirements for productions?

Productions should follow the social distancing, sanitation and face covering guidelines in the Order of the Health Officer at: <https://sf.gov/coronavirus-safety-essential-businesses>

Productions must also give the personnel screening handout to to all cast/crew who work on productions found here: <https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/COVID19-Personnel-Screening-Handout-FINAL-05.08.2020.pdf>

What Else Do I Need to Know?

- Please be respectful of the public and merchants and try to impact access to merchants as little as possible.
- Posted parking will be limited in order to facilitate merchants getting back to business, including curbside pick-ups by their customers.
- Permits will be issued on a case-by-case basis