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Dear Los Angeles,

Our top priority is the safety of SAG-AFTRA members, staff and our various partners throughout the industry and community.

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak expands here in the United States and across the globe, we are taking action to further increase safety, while supporting essential member services and minimizing disruption to regular union business.

This includes monitoring public health advisories and other sources regarding this rapidly-changing outbreak, and taking effective steps that are informed by and consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local government safety recommendations.

To best address our practices during this current public health concern, we have been working with employers and industry allies, and have met and consulted with elected national officers, local presidents from across the country, and our internal coronavirus working group.

We are committed to doing our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The following expanded safety protocols employ various social-distancing tactics to help reduce the possibility of

potential exposure or transmission through travel and attendance at face-to-face meetings.

1. Effective immediately, SAG-AFTRA is canceling, postponing or reconfiguring certain national and local in-person meetings.

Check sagaftra.org periodically for updates.

2. The union will not be scheduling new, large, national group meetings in the immediate future.

3. The local presidents unanimously agreed to cancel, postpone or reschedule nonessential face-to-face meetings in all locals across the country until further notice. This includes membership, board and committee meetings, as well as local educational workshops, panels, mixers, conservatory and film society events.

4. Essential SAG-AFTRA meetings shall be conducted remotely where physical attendance is not required.

5. Nonessential travel by SAG-AFTRA leadership and staff is strongly discouraged. This includes all travel not related to mandatory in-person events or meetings.

6. Members and staff are expected to adhere to the following safety protocols and social-distancing practices:

a) If you or a member of your household are unwell, do not come to a SAG-AFTRA meeting or office. If you have any symptoms, but especially if you have a fever or breathing problems, stay at home and seek appropriate medical advice if warranted. Please note that if you come to SAG-AFTRA and you appear unwell, you will be asked to leave.

b) If you or a member of your household has traveled to China, Iran, Italy, South Korea or any other country or location on the CDC's list of "Level 3/Avoid Nonessential Travel" countries in the past 14 days, please plan on participating in meetings and events virtually. You can check the CDC's list of travel alerts [here](#).

c) SAG-AFTRA national and local facilities teams are disinfecting high-touch surfaces and door handles several times throughout the day and have provided hand sanitizer in all offices. Procedures to limit the spread of the disease have been provided in all offices.

d) Please review the recommendations on enhanced hygiene and social-distancing practices provided by the CDC and other authoritative sources [here](#).

This is a dynamic and fast-changing situation. We are closely monitoring public health advisories and will continue to work with member leaders, staff, employers and community partners to provide updates as conditions evolve.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact SAG-AFTRA at (855) SAG-AFTRA. This phone number along with the safety hotline is on the back of your membership card and on your member app.

For additional information or updates on developments and recommended safety precautions, visit the websites for the [CDC](#) and [World Health Organization](#).

In unity,

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