



Filming in Colorado During COVID-19: FAQ (last updated 8/24/2020):

For more information, please review the [State of Colorado COVID-19 website](#).

- **Is Colorado “open” for filming?**
 - Under the State of Colorado’s [Phase 2: Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors](#) policy, remaining at home and working remotely is encouraged wherever possible. Intrastate travel is allowed on the statewide level. Check in with [the local public health office](#) for the latest information on any local travel restrictions.
 - There are currently no travel restrictions for productions coming from out-of-state and into Colorado.
 - Productions should [contact the local public health office](#) in the municipality in which they are seeking to film prior to planning a shoot in that community.
 - Crew members should adhere to all general local and [statewide rules](#) or guidance on social gathering limitations when working in the field, including in someone’s business or personal home.
- **Can I get a permit to shoot right now?**
 - In Colorado, you do not need a permit to shoot on private property.
 - Permitting to shoot in public spaces – such as roads, sidewalks, parks, etc. – or to shoot in private spaces that may infringe on public property, is done on the local level. Some municipalities are issuing permits during the pandemic, and others are not. Check in with the local permitting office in the community in which you are planning to shoot. Please find below a non-comprehensive list of permitting entities throughout Colorado. If your location is not on this list, start by contacting the city clerk’s office or office of special events.

Cities & Counties:

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| ▪ City of Alamosa | ▪ City and County of Denver -Office of Special Events | ▪ Town of Georgetown -Clear Creek County Economic Development Corp. |
| ▪ City of Aspen | ▪ City of Durango | ▪ Gilpin County |
| ▪ City of Arvada | ▪ City of Englewood -Deputy City Clerk’s Office | ▪ City of Golden |
| ▪ City of Aurora | ▪ Town of Estes Park | ▪ Town of Granby |
| ▪ City of Boulder -City Manager’s Office | ▪ City of Fort Collins | ▪ City of Grand Junction |
| ▪ City of Brush | ▪ Town of Frisco | ▪ City of Greeley |
| ▪ Clear Creek County | | ▪ Jefferson County |
| ▪ City of Colorado Springs | | ▪ City of Littleton |



- [City of Louisville](#)
- [Town of Pueblo](#)-Planning & Community Development Department
- [Town of Telluride](#)-Telluride Film Commission
- [City of Steamboat Springs](#)-Steamboat Springs Chamber
- [Town of Sterling](#)
- [Town of Vail](#)

National Forests

- [Arapaho National Forest](#)
- [Gunnison National Forest](#)
- [San Juan National Forest](#)
- [White River National Forest](#)
- **Does the Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media (COFTM) have specific filming guidelines?**
 - Filmmakers are required to follow the State of Colorado's [Phase 2: Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors](#) policy. Specific guidance for [Outdoor Events](#), [Indoor Events](#), and [Field Services](#) may be applicable to your shoot.
 - Filmmakers must also comply with any local health and safety orders issued by the municipality in which they are filming.
- **Does the [mask order](#) apply to my production?**
 - The order requires people in Colorado who are 11 years and older to wear a covering over their noses and mouths:
 - When entering or moving within any public indoor space.
 - While using or waiting to use public (buses, light-rail) or non-personal (taxi, car services, ride-shares) transportation services.
 - For the mask order, "public indoor space" means a publicly or privately owned, managed, or operated, enclosed indoor area that is accessible to the public, is a place of employment or is an entity that provides services. Public indoor space does not mean a person's residence, including a room in a motel or hotel or a residential room for students at an educational facility.
 - The executive order does not state that you must wear a mask outdoors unless you are waiting on public or non-personal transportation. However, it is best to wear a mask whenever you cannot keep a safe distance (at least 6 feet) from other people. We encourage you to wear a mask whenever you are in crowded spaces, either indoors or out.
 - Counties that are certified for [Protect Our Neighbors](#) status may choose to be exempt from the statewide mask order. Check with the [local public health agency](#) in the community in which you are seeking to film to find out if they are exempt.
- **Is there a limit to how many cast and crew I can have for my production?**
 - For indoor shoots, limit capacity depending on venue size accounting for usable square footage* with a maximum of 100 people per room. 100 is the [indoor variance limit](#) for



areas of “medium” viral spread. If counties want to achieve higher capacity levels, they need to [seek a variance](#).

- For outdoor shoots, limit capacity depending on venue size accounting for usable square footage* with a maximum of 175 people per designated activity*. 175 is the [outdoor variance limit](#) for areas of “medium” viral spread. If counties want to achieve higher capacity levels, they need to [seek a variance](#).
- Capacity for square footage of usable space should be calculated using the [Social Distancing Space Calculator](#).
- **Research and the CDC suggest that activities like singing may project respiratory droplets in greater quantity and over greater distance, increasing the risk of COVID-19 transmission, particularly with prolonged exposure.*

- **Where can I get tests for my cast and crew?**
 - COFTM is not aware of any sources for bulk test orders or processing.
 - [Community testing centers](#) have varying policies regarding testing non-symptomatic people and non-residents. Contact the centers directly to learn about their policies.

- **Where can I hire, or get trained to become, a Health Safety Officer/COVID-19 Compliance Officer?**
 - From [The Safe Way Forward](#) (p.11): “The Unions and the Employers will work together to create criteria that ensure this key position is filled by individuals with the experience and knowledge commensurate with this high level of responsibility. The Unions and Employers will work jointly to develop and provide industry-specific training for the HSS and the Health Safety Manager (HSM) as well as industry-specific COVID-19 training for workers.”
 - COFTM is not currently aware of any union-approved training or certification program.

- **Where can I get more COVID-19 information?**
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC, National\)](#)
 - [World Health Organization \(WHO, International\)](#)
 - [Covid19.Colorado.Gov](#)
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Guidance](#)
 - [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment COVID-19 Recommendations](#)
 - [Colorado Tourism COVID-19 Information for Travelers](#)
 - [Colorado Crisis Services](#)
 - [Energize Colorado & OraLabs PPE Supplies](#)

If you have any questions, please email kelly.baug@state.co.us.