

SAFETY PROVISIONS IN THE COSTUME DEPARTMENT – ON SET, TRUCK & COSTUME ROOMS

To reduce the spread and risk of infection of Covid-19 here are some reminders on how to manage risk in our department. We strongly recommend adhering to the government guidelines, and our specific measures in the BECTU guidance document. Our aim is to create an environment where the risk of transmission is low, and which takes into consideration the health of members of our department, artists, and other workers. As a department we are at medium-high risk of transmission due to proximity to artists & others. Therefore we should take extra care in regard to following and implementing protective measures.

Please support us in the effort to keep each other as safe as possible by following the rules.

GENERAL MEASURES



Visitors kept to minimum and to announce themselves in advance.



No open food or drinks allowed and consumed in shared work spaces. Use catering facilities.



Any greetings to be contactless.



Adhere to cough/sneezing etiquette at all times.



Truck/room to be regularly aired out. At least 1 x per hour for minimum of 5min.



Thoroughly wash or sanitise hands with when arriving/leaving costume facilities.



Adhere to distancing measures.



Wear face mask (and visor if necessary) in enclosed spaces where keeping your distance is not possible.

MASK VARIATIONS AND THEIR USES – ‘COMMUNITY’, SURGICAL MASKS & FFP2/N95/KN95 RESPIRATORS



COMMUNITY MASK

MAXIMUM 4 HOURS

FRESH AIR BREAK 15 MINS

‘Community’ masks + distancing is to protect others from possible transmission. Regularly change mask when moist/after eating and after a maximum of 4 hours! Wear with visor during costume checks if they take less than 10min. Wash at 60°.



SURGICAL MASK

MAXIMUM 90 MINS

FRESH AIR BREAK 15 MINS

Single use surgical masks can be used in same way as ‘community masks’. They have a thin non-woven filter for extra protection from larger aerosol droplets.. Mandatory 15min break after 90min wear. Wear with visor if costume checks are below 10min. Dispose after single use and treat as ‘contaminated’ waste.



FFP2/N95 RESPIRATORS

MAXIMUM 75 MINS 3 X PER DAY

FRESH AIR BREAK 30 MINS

During prolonged exposure and when in close proximity to others (<2m) wear FFP2/N95/KN95 respirator. Mandatory 30min break after 75min wear . Wear with visor if costume checks/ dressing take longer than 10min. Dispose after use as ‘contaminated’ waste.

COSTUME SPECIFIC MEASURES



Wash hands before touching any costumes, doing checks or using shared equipment.



Clean all surfaces in work space and any personal kit regularly with disinfectants.



Wear a mask when handling costumes, dirty washing etc.



All costumes & jewellery to be cleaned after use (incl. fitting items). Items to be bagged individually after cleaning.



Ideally wash at 60° or hottest temperature you can with regular detergent. Alternatives are heat (70°), steam (70°) and Ozone.



Shared equipment to be disinfected before and after use.



Wash hands before/after putting on/taking off masks.



Wear a mask & visor during checks/ fittings and at close proximity.