COVID-19 Guidance for Photography, Film and Television

The Grey Bruce Health Unit region is one of 24 regions in the province entering Stage 2 on June 12. On this date, the province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to ten, regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2.

Businesses primarily engaged in providing photography and/or all film and television production activities can reopen and resume regular operations as long as proper health and safety protocols are in place. All services must be provided with physical distancing of at least two metres.

As per the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act – Stage 2:

Film and television production

Film and television production, and all supporting activities such as hair, makeup and wardrobe, may open if they comply with the following conditions:

- No studio audiences may be permitted to be on the film or television set.
- The set must be configured and operated in such a way as to enable persons on the set to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from other persons, except where necessary for the filming of the film or television production.
- Persons who provide hair or makeup services must wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

Photography studios and services

Photography studios and services, and all supporting activities such as hair, makeup and wardrobe, may open if they comply with the following conditions:

- The studio or area where photographs are to be taken must be configured and operated in such a way as to enable persons in the studio or area to maintain a
physical distance of at least two metres from other persons, except where necessary for the taking of the photographs.

- Persons who provide hair or makeup services must wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

Some services and activities have a higher risk of spreading the virus. Reopening is determined by the overall riskiness of the activities and services. The riskiness of different services and activities depends on:

- The number of people who come together for the activity or service
- The length of time people are together and the physical distance between them
- The ability to modify the activity or service to make it less risky (so that there are less people, shorter lengths of time together, and/or more distance between them)

**Things to Consider**

- Practice physical distancing by keeping a distance of 2 metres from other people
- Studios and production activities should use measures to enable physical distancing, such as limiting the number of people who may be at the workplace at any one time
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- **Wear a cloth mask or non-medical face covering** if physical distancing is a challenge
- Encourage staff and customers to stay home when sick
- Encourage staff and customers to cough or sneeze into their elbow
- Encourage staff and customers to avoid touching their face

**Health and Safety**

In order to reopen, personal services must follow the health and safety guidance provided by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development Associations and Health and Safety Associations. Find sector specific and posters to help protect workers, customers and the public from COVID-19 on the [resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace webpage](https://resources).
Guidance on Health and Safety for Television Hosts, Technical Crews and other TV and Film Employees during COVID-19

Guidance on Health and Safety for Television, Film and Live Performance Sector during COVID-19

Questions?
The province has set up a Business Information Line to provide direction to businesses as they reopen. Please call Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

For Health and Safety Guidance, please call your relevant Health and Safety provider, or the Ministry of Labour at 1-833-247-3650.

For Public Health Guidance please call the general information line at 519-376-9420 ext. 3000.

References
Ontario’s Framework for Opening the Province – Stage 2

Workplace PPE Supplier Directory – Ontario
Community and Business Resiliency Map - including local PPE suppliers – Grey County
COVID-19 Guidance: Essential Workplaces – Ontario Ministry of Health