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SUBJECT: SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR FILMING IN GREECE

Rel: The May 6th 2020 guidelines by the National Committee for the Protection of Public Health.

Following the above decisions, we inform you accordingly:

The COVID-19 pandemic in our country has been showing a significant recession, but the risk of recurrence remains real, as does the possibility of a new epidemic. The return to the new normality will be done in small steps, guided by concern for both individual and public health and safety. Predictions of how long the measures will remain in effect are not possible. It will depend on both domestic and international epidemiological data, along the course of the epidemiological curve.

This document is based on the instructions and recommendations of the Commission COVID-19 experts of the Ministry of Health and provides instructions for safe conduct during filming.

- Filming may resume on May 18, if the epidemiological curve allows and according to the country's epidemiological data.

a. Filming locations

- Enclosed areas should be properly ventilated. In the case of air conditioning, only open circuit air conditioners are allowed for use.
- Enclosed areas should be disinfected with a 10:1 chlorine solution, i.e. 9 parts water and 1 part chlorine, before and after every shoot. This also applies to sanitary facilities. For surfaces that are likely to be damaged by sodium hypochlorite, ethanol solution 70% can be used.

Emphasis should be given to surfaces that are frequently touched such as knobs, switches, handrails and so on.

- In the shooting or rehearsal areas, etc. an antiseptic alcoholic solution (70%) should be provided.
- In sanitary facilities the following hygienic rules should be followed:
 - Proper ventilation
 - Closed toilet lid before flushing
 - Use of paper or plastic disposable toilet seat covers is recommended
 - Provision of running water, soap supplies, paper towels, foot pedal trash cans
 - Where possible, use equipment with a photoelectric cell or foot switch (e.g. for tap, soap)
 - Hand dryers should be avoided

- Standing at 1.5 meters distance when queuing
 - Use of non-medical masks is recommended
 - In case the washbasins have been out of use for a long time, it is recommended to run hot water for 5 minutes before the first use.
 - Showers should not be used
- Adequate space in locker rooms and dressing rooms should be provided, and costume change should only be made whenever absolutely necessary. In case not adequate space is available for everyone, the area should be used either in rotation or other available areas should be used as additional locker rooms/ dressing rooms. Personal clothes should be kept in sealed bags.

b. During filming

- The rule of 1.5 meters distance in open areas and 2 meters distance in enclosed areas should be kept.
- It is recommended for both cast and crew to use a protective non-medical mask or face shield and an antiseptic alcohol solution (70%), both during rehearsal and throughout the shooting. The only exception applies to the actors who appear in each scene.
- Special provisions should be made for cast and crew who belong to vulnerable groups.
- Anyone who develops symptoms should be immediately removed from the set and wear a mask.
- All equipment should be disinfected in the way indicated by the manufacturer before being brought into the set.
- If at rehearsal or during filming it is required for people to touch, the actors involved should disinfect their hands before and after the scene, and the contact to be as brief as possible. Also, scenes where the actor must touch the face of another actor should be avoided.
- About costumes, wigs, makeup, etc.:
 - These should be used exclusively by the artists who wear them, and artists should dress themselves.
 - Personal clothing should be kept in sealed bags and costumes should be kept in separate garment bags.
 - Costumes should be steam-cleaned before every use.
 - Dressers, hairdressers, etc. should also have enough workspace so that the distance of 1.5 meters can be kept.
 - Ideally, artists should take care of their own make-up. In case this is not possible, a personal make-up set should be used for each artist, while individual safety instructions are being observed. The make-up station must be cleaned after each use. It is extremely important that one set is far from the next. Practically nothing should be in common.
 - Ideally, hairdressing items should not be common either
 - Professional hairdressers, make-up artists, costume designers, etc. should wear disposable gloves (which they should change before attending to every artist), and a non-medical mask every time they take care of an artist's appearance. If the artist chooses to take care of their own appearance, they will have an advisory role, keeping their distance.

- Only the necessary cast and crew should be present during a shoot. Filming should follow as flexible a schedule as possible, so that people are not crowded together.
- For easier tracking, monitoring inbound and outbound people, and any potential symptoms during rehearsals, is recommended.
- Temperature check is not recommended as it does not perform well as precautionary measure against spreading.
- Used non-medical fabric masks should be placed in plastic bags, washed at 60 degrees, and ironed.
- During lunch break the safety distance of at least 1.5 meters should be observed, along the hygiene rules. The space, tables and chairs should be disinfected before each use. Food should come in individual portions, in transparent food wrap, and should be distributed by personnel wearing personal protective equipment (gloves, masks) to avoid queueing. Water, soft drinks, etc. should be distributed in individual sealed containers. After the break, waste should be placed in special sealed packages and discarded.
- Vehicles carrying personnel must be disinfected daily, before and after transport.
- Auditions are recommended to take place mainly via video conference or videotape.

These measures are indicative; they cannot cover all possible cases and are applied in addition to the broader measures implemented. For this reason, there must be constant monitoring of the relevant developments through the website of the National Public Health Organization: <https://eody.gov.gr/neos-koronaio-covid-19/>.

All parties involved should show individual responsibility, protecting themselves and other people. Production companies should take every precaution to protect workers and, at their discretion, take additional measures that may be required due to specific features of a filming location or shoot.

Any additional details will be published in a relevant Joint Ministerial Decision that will follow.

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