



# Film Permit Overview in response to COVID-19

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The Film Permit Program in Ventura County has reopened. The Ventura County Planning Division will resume accepting film permit applications for productions looking to film in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. To ensure the safety of both production crews and the surrounding Ventura County residents, the Planning Division has updated their permitting process in response to COVID-19. The following overview provides information on the changes to expect.

1. Must have a designated COVID-19 Compliance Officer on site.
2. Must follow the prevention protocols identified in the appropriate industry guidance:
  - a. Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers: <https://pmcdeadline2.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/iwlmsc-task-force-white-paper-6-1-20.pdf>
  - b. Association of Independent Commercial Producers (AICP): <https://www.aicp.com/business-resources/business-affairs-information/aicp-guidelines/covid-19-workplace-guidelines/production-specific-considerations>
3. Must post the COVID-19 Hotline Flyer ([COVID-19 Hotline Flyer](#)).
4. No live audiences are allowed.
5. Complete your film permit application on [Citizen's Access](#)

**\*\*\*Note: Applications will now contain an Attestation Statement that must be signed by the permittee. By signing this statement, the permittee acknowledges and accepts responsibility for compliance with all Ventura County protocols and industry guidelines.**

6. Upon issuing your film permit, the County of Ventura may send an ambassador to conduct a site visit.
7. Post the COVID-19 hotline flyer at all film locations so that it is available to all production staff. ([COVID-19 Hotline Flyer](#)).

## Additional clarifications:

- Processing times for film permit applications will remain the same. 3 days for a standard permit, and 5 days for permits that require waivers.
- A written COVID-19 prevention plan is not required as the COVID-19 Compliance Officer will be responsible for ensuring the protocols are followed and meeting with the County site inspector as needed.
- Production companies are not required to register at VCReopens. Instead, the permitting process will satisfy all requirements.