



FAQS ON THE RECOMMENDED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PAUSE

1. *Q: Is the union prohibiting its members from working?*

A: No. The union is not prohibiting its members from working.

2. *Q: Why did the union and the JPC agree to recommend a pause in commercial production in Southern California?*

A: The agreement was not a result of increased COVID-19 cases on commercial sets. The recommendation to pause was the result of discussions with local health authorities and the current lack of hospital capacity in Southern California. This means that even a non-emergency injury could result in an inability to receive appropriate treatment due to the lack of beds and doctors being unavailable.

3. *Q: What do you consider “Southern California”?*

A: “Southern California” is defined by a state hospital zone system that includes LA, Orange, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Imperial counties.

4. *Q: Are commercial productions prohibited in Southern California?*

A: No.

5. *Q: I have a production planned for January in Southern California that was previously cleared by the union and the JPC. Will the union shut down my production?*

A: No. While the union prefers that production be paused, the union will not shut down your production, nor will the union tell its members not to work. However, if a performer does not want to work, you may not compel him or her to do so.

6. *Q: I have a production planned for Southern California that has NOT yet been cleared by the union during a union/JPC safety call. Will the union/JPC clear the production?*

A: The union and JPC will review the safety protocols for the production, but the clearance will be deferred pending the continued evaluation of the ongoing situation in Southern California.

7. *Q: Can I travel talent from Southern California to a shoot elsewhere?*

A: Yes. While travel has its own risks during the pandemic, provided, you are complying with federal, stated and local guidelines regarding quarantine and testing, the AICP Safety Protocols, and your production has been reviewed by the JPC and union during a safety call.

8. *Q: Does this recommendation apply to self-filming?*

A: No. The recommendation applies only to in-person commercial production.

9. *Q: Will we have to pay cancellation fees to the performers if we postpone or cancel the shoot?*

A: The union understands that people are doing the right thing by pausing production right now. If you receive a claim from a performer or the union regarding cancellation fees, please contact the JPC.

10. *Q: Does the recommendation extend beyond Southern California?*

A: No.