COVID-19: TESTING GUIDELINES under Actors’ Equity Contracts

Brand/Test

- Producer must submit a link to the brand/test’s FDA Emergency User Authorization (EUA). A test should have trial data, a high sensitivity (few false negatives), and preferably a high specificity (few false positives).
- The following link provides the list of brands/tests that are FDA cleared Nucleic Acid Tests (NATs):
  - https://csb.mgh.harvard.edu/covid
- Please note, the last section of this document lists FDA cleared protein tests. These are antibody tests and will not be accepted.
- PLEASE NOTE: After a brand/test has been accepted, if the brand/test changes (whether it is in the Producer’s control or not), the Producer must notify Equity immediately and submit the FDA’s EUA link of the new brand/test.

Test Results (Speed)

- Results should arrive no longer than 48 hours after the test is administered.

Test Results (Notification process) - Who will be told the results and from whom:

- Producer will identify to both Equity and the Actors/Stage Managers how an employee will receive their test results prior to taking the first test.

Who gets Tested

- Actors
- Stage Managers
- All other Staff, Employees and Employer(s) that will be interacting with the Actors and Stage Managers during employment.

Who will administer the Test:

- Producer will identify to both Equity and the Actors/Stage Managers whether the test will be administered by a healthcare practitioner or self-administered by the employee prior to taking the first test.

Where will Testing take place:

- Producer will identify to both Equity and the Actors/Stage Managers if the tests will take place at the workplace or if the Producer will secure regular appointments at an off-site location for employees to travel to prior to taking the first test.

When First Test will be given:
• Producer will identify to both Equity and the Actors/Stage Managers when the first test will be given prior to taking the first test.

**Frequency of Tests**

• Before in-person work begins, 2 tests must be given 24 hours apart. The test results for both tests should arrive no longer than **48 hours** after the test is administered and before in-person work begins.
• Thereafter, nasal tests must be administered no less than **Once A Week**
• Thereafter, saliva tests must be administered no less than **Every Other Day**

**Cost**

• No Cost to Actors and Stage Managers
• Tests for employment cannot be covered by the Equity-League Trust Fund

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