

New guidance on safe TV production under 2m published

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The BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Channel 5, Sky, STV, ITN, the Association for Commercial Broadcasters and On-Demand Services (COBA) and Pact have developed new specific guidance that for producing television safely when cast and crew need to work more closely than two metres apart. The guidance is intended to enable a safe and sensible return to production for the television industry following the Covid-19 pandemic, and builds on guidance issued in May.

The guidance covers how pairs or small groups of cast and crew could interact closer than two metres safely on set - where all other options have been

considered and discounted, including adapting editorial onscreen requirements. It covers the broad range and scale of all TV programme making in every genre for TV and is complementary to British Film Commission guidance on managing the risks associated with film and high-end TV drama production.

An ITV spokesperson said:

"ITV has continued to be at the heart of informing, entertaining and connecting the UK through the COVID-19 crisis and production teams continue to work hard to bring back many more loved shows. Working with partners across the industry, this advice builds on the industry wide guidelines published in May and reflect the evolving situation we all find ourselves in. Above all, the guidance is there to ensure the safety and well-being of all those who work on the programmes."

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