



BBC Studioworks Covid Protocols Update – as of April 2022

On 1 April 2022, the government issued another phase of its "Living with covid" plan. This included:

- lateral flow tests (LFTs) no longer being free, except for the over-75s and over-12s with weakened immune systems
- the NHS covid pass no longer being recognised as a "vaccine passport" within the UK

Falling in line with this phase, our remaining covid restrictions ceased at midnight on 31 March 2022. However, we have maintained a handful of measures as good practice for the foreseeable future.

What's changing?

- Temperature testing at Television Centre and Elstree Studios has ended
- The wearing of face coverings will be at your own discretion across all our facilities.
- Studio audiences are no longer required to show proof of a negative LFT or present a vaccine passport

What are we maintaining across our facilities?

- Our improvements in air flow and fresh air intake
- Our enhanced cleaning regimes
- The Perspex screens in our galleries, edit suites and office spaces

Will these changes be adopted by productions in our studios and edit suites?

All facility users will be expected to adapt to our changes, but our production clients may well have protocols which relate to their specific programme environment. We kindly ask our staff and freelancer workforce to comply with these arrangements, which might include additional control measures.

What should I do if I feel ill?

Restricting the spread of covid is a joint responsibility, **so please don't come into our facilities if you:**

- Develop covid-related symptoms or are generally feeling unwell
- Test positive on a lateral flow test - even if you don't have any symptoms

Returning to work:

- Please only return to work if you're able to obtain a LFT and test negative
- Where this isn't an option, or tests are unavailable, please continue to remain at home until you no longer have any symptoms



It's now been over two years since we implemented our first wave of covid protocols, so a big thank you to everyone for your willingness to adapt, your patience and perseverance, as well as your general support in ensuring our facilities, clients and each other have remained safe during this period.

If you have any questions, please contact [John O'Callaghan](#) directly.