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## **COVID-19 CLIENT GUIDELINES - September 2020**

The ongoing coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, caused by a novel strain of coronavirus, has resulted in extraordinary measures around the world to contain, slow, and reduce the impact of the virus. The Bay Area Models Guild takes the safety of our models and clients very seriously and has issued the following guidance for resuming in person modeling sessions.

**CANCELLATIONS:** In accordance with CDC guidance, any person experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 (fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches) should contact their doctor immediately and quarantine away from others. Any artist/participant who feels sick should NOT attend the session. If a facilitator/client feels sick, they should cancel the session immediately. There will be no late cancellation penalties for clients who cancel due to illness. If a model feels sick, they will not attend the session. We ask client's grace and understanding in the event of cancellation during this time. During Covid-19 the BAMG will be unable to provide a free replacement model if a model cancels due to illness.

**MASKS:** Masks should be worn by participants at all times. It is up to the model to decide whether or not they will wear their mask while posing, however, if participants prefer a model to be masked while posing the model should comply. Artist's should not pressure or compel a model to remove their mask on the stand. Artist's wishing to do face studies or portraits should specify in their Booking request so models can make informed decisions about accepting jobs where they will be required to be unmasked.

**CLEANING & SANITATION:** The CDC and health officials recommend cleaning and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces within the venue between uses and as much as possible, this includes: door handles, sink handles, grab bars, hand railings, chairs, and light switches. Cleaning of the model stand should take place before and after every session. As a courtesy to the model the BAMG recommends sanitization of the entire model area take place after the model has arrived, in full view of the model. Linens, rugs, and padding should be laundered and sanitized immediately after the model concludes posing.

**OUTDOOR SESSIONS:** Local authorities and the CDC have issued guidance for smaller outdoor, in-person gatherings requiring individuals from different households to: remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, wear masks, and not share objects. Drapes,

screens, or curtains should be employed to protect model privacy while posing outside. If privacy is inadequate, models will pose clothed or not at all. Restrooms should be made available for models to use and these should be clean and well ventilated. Models and all other participants should wear their mask when indoors/using the restroom. Special consideration for protecting models from sun exposure should be taken for outdoor sessions. Shade, umbrellas and/or electric fans should be available for model's use upon request. Weather may affect an outdoor session; clients should try to prepare to protect models and participants from inclement weather. If weather becomes inhospitable clients should consider cancelling before the session begins. If a model is already present, clients should check in with the model regularly and defer to the model's judgement about whether or not to continue the session. Models posing for sessions that are cancelled part way through due to inclement weather should be compensated at least 50% of full pay then prorated for modeling time after that.

**INDOOR SESSIONS:** Some counties and cities may allow small, non essential indoor gatherings. If you plan to host an indoor session you must indicate such in your Booking request. The BAMG recommends that class sizes should be limited to 10 people max, including the model. If a studio or drawing space is smaller than 1400 sq ft, we recommend capping participants at 5 including the model. The CDC has found that proper ventilation is of the utmost importance to limiting the spread of Covid-19 in indoor spaces. Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example, by opening windows and doors. If portable ventilation equipment like fans are used, take steps to minimize air from them blowing from one person directly at another person to reduce the potential spread of any airborne or aerosolized viruses.

**LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the responsibility of the client to make themselves aware of and ensure that they are not in violation of any state, county, or city ordinances prohibiting the gathering of non-essential groups during the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent "shut downs". The Bay Area Model's Guild cannot be held liable for any violation of shut down orders. If BAMG is aware that a drawing session is taking place in violation of shut down orders, we will not provide a model for that session. Models, as independent contractors, clients, and all participants assume their own responsibility of risk participating in gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND  
PATRONAGE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.  
WE ARE EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO CO-CREATE WITH YOU AGAIN!**

[EPA List of Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 \(Covid-19\)](#)  
[CDC - Covid-19 Considerations for Events and Gatherings](#)  
[covid19.CA.gov - Blueprint for County Reopenings](#)