



RETURN TO WORK: VIDEO ASSIST GUIDELINES

The “Return to Work” White Paper document prepared by the Guilds and AMPTP has just been approved by California Governor Newsom and is now under review by County public health officers. We are all anxious to get back to work and will do so as safely and as soon as possible.

One of the recommendations of the White Paper points to the Video Assist department setting up additional remote monitors and remote viewing stations to accommodate social distancing needs whenever possible.

Video Assist Technicians are essential contributors to all phases of production. Reflecting the long-established history of Local 695, the position of Video Assist is to serve the various production departments by delivering video, with or without sound, and with or without playback, to "assist" them in the performance of their jobs. The Video Assist Technician is responsible for all video transmission outside of the Camera Department, including signals delivered by wire, Wi-Fi or network streaming. This includes the set-up and maintenance of equipment for sending video to Video Villages, production offices and remote locations to meet the needs of production. Off-camera record, cloud recording, streaming and the distribution of the video signal are the exclusive responsibility of Local 695. Additionally, the setup, maintenance, operation and coordination of wireless transmission is exclusive to Local 695 agreements.

If you become aware of another Local assigned to perform any of the above-mentioned Video Assist work, as outlined in our Local 695 contracts, you should notify the Local immediately. This information is needed in order for the Local to investigate any potential violation and take necessary and appropriate action.

There is no reason for the Camera Department to request an audio feed. Production Sound Departments are advised that any production company asking you to provide that feed may be violating our Collective Bargaining Agreements and exposing itself to a grievance. Mixers who are asked to do so may explain the violation to those requesting it or may suggest that Production call the Local for information. Alternatively, they may report the violation to Local 695.

Adherence to these guidelines will enable us to comply with our contracts and protect the jobs of our Sisters and Brothers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Local.

