

COVIDSafe Building Entry Protocols

AFTRS has developed a Roadmap for COVIDSafe working and learning that is aligned to the Federal Government's [Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia](#) and the State Government's [Roadmap to Reopening NSW](#). The AFTRS Roadmap sets out a staged return to COVIDSafe on-campus working and learning that includes collaborative screen and radio production activities as well as accessing and using specialist equipment safely. This Roadmap is to be used in conjunction with the [AFTRS COVIDSafe Guidelines and Production Protocols](#).

Building Entry Requirements

The AFTRS COVIDSafe Roadmap has five zones:

- BLACK – Building closed
- RED – approved individual hands-on learning only
- ORANGE – individual and class hands-on learning and production activities
- YELLOW – blended online/campus learning with priority for hands-on learning and production
- GREEN – all classes and production

Currently as of 25 October, AFTRS is in the **ORANGE Zone**:

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Proof of full vaccination is required

(OR a Certified Medical Exemption from all COVID Vaccinations PLUS a negative COVID test within 72 hours of each Building Entry)

AND:

QR Code Check In to **both:**

- AFTRS QR System &
 - Service NSW (You must re-check in any time you leave the building for more than 30 minutes)
- If you do not have a compatible smart phone/device, you must enter your contact details into the AFTRS iPad PLUS provide a printed certified Vaccination Certificate*

AND:

Temperature Check on Arrival

Please check your history within the Service NSW App over the past 7 days prior to entering the building. If you have received any "Red Warnings" that you may have been in contact with a positive case, you must immediately go to a testing centre for a PCR swab and obtain a negative result before entering the building. You will be asked if you have any of these warnings by the CSS on arrival

Anyone who has returned to Sydney from Interstate or Overseas in the last 7 days will need to present a negative COVID test upon entry to AFTRS. The test needs to be taken within 72 hours prior to building entry

Only approved hands on learning activities, production, post production, and broadcast activities are permitted in the building

Admission to AFTRS on approval of Director or Course Leader only

(Staff & Students are permitted to seek approval from Director/Course Leader if they have valid rationale to be in the building – Refer to AFTRS COVIDSafe Roadmap for more info).

Observe public health orders

Masks: Masks are mandatory in all public spaces within AFTRS

- If you are within the staff area, and there is a vacant desk between you and your co-worker you may remove your mask at your desk. If you are standing up and chatting with other co-workers or moving about the building you must put your mask on.
- If you are within a meeting or classroom on your own you can remove the mask. Once you leave the room around the building, you must put your mask on.
- If you are working in an edit suite on your own, you may remove your mask.
- Masks are required for all production & hands on learning activities, even if you are on your own or outside.
- If you are in a meeting room with anyone else, masks must be worn.
- If you are taking a short break on one of the AFTRS balconies, you may remove your mask if you are socially distanced 1.5m from others.

Anyone involved in a production must have a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to their first day on set to enter the building.

General Controls

You must follow these mandatory controls while engaging in work at AFTRS:

- Remain home if you are unwell – this also includes if you have been unwell and have returned a negative COVID test. You are only able to return to AFTRS if you have a written note from your doctor stating you are well enough to return
- Wear a mask – this must be worn at all times when in the AFTRS Building (as above)
- Physical distancing – you must maintain 1.5m distance from other people at all times
- Hygiene – hand hygiene must be kept up with regular hand washing and sanitising

Specific Protocols

Specific Protocols for entering and working at AFTRS under COVID-19 restrictions can be found below. Please read the following guidelines that cover working in the AFTRS Building and working on AFTRS Productions:

- [AFTRS COVID-Safe Guidelines and Production Protocols](#)
- [Australian Screen Industry COVID-Safe Guidelines](#)

On Arrival At AFTRS

1. Access is allowed through the Front Entrance only
2. Your temperature will be checked electronically
3. If your temperature registers over 37.5°C you will be asked to get a COVID test. Given that individual body temperatures vary due to activity (like walking from the Light Rail stop), repeat temperature checks will be allowed some minutes apart
4. Scan the Service NSW QR code to check in via the Service NSW app

Room Capacity

- The maximum capacity is listed on a COVID related sign outside each room

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Cleaning & Sanitising

- There are sanitising products around the Building to disinfect all high-touch areas and equipment before starting work, and after you finish
- Specialised equipment will have specific cleaning guidelines listed either on the kit (Tech Store camera and sound gear) or on the door to the facility (Edit Suites and Radio Studios)
- If you need sanitising products to clean your facility or equipment please see Reception

Food and Drink

- Food – please eat outside when possible, maintaining physical distancing of 1.5m from others
- Do not share food
- Drink – please bring your own drink containers into the Building and to set
- Ensure you dispose of your rubbish properly

Resources

COVIDSafe Roadmap @ AFTRS: Working, Teaching & Learning AFTRS COVIDSafe Guidelines & Production Protocols https://www.aftrs.edu.au/covid-19-information/	
Australian Screen Industry COVID-Safe Guidelines Australian-Screen-Industry-COVID-Safe-Guidelines.pdf	
Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia https://www.pm.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/covid-safe-australia-roadmap.pdf	
National Plan to transition Australia National COVID Response https://www.pm.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/national-plan-to-transition-australias-national-covid-19-response-30-july-2021.pdf	
National Coronavirus Helpline https://www.health.gov.au/	1800 020 080
NSW Health Department Helpline https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx	1300 066 055