



## **NPACT Launches COVID-19 Online Hotline for Anonymous Reporting of Health/Safety Protocol Issues in Nonfiction Production**

### **Hotline is Open to Anyone Working in Nonfiction Production, Regardless of Position or Production-Company Membership in NPACT**

LOS ANGELES – (Sept. 23, 2020) – NPACT, the trade association for non-fiction production companies doing business in the U.S., announced today it has established a **COVID-19 Online Hotline** to provide an anonymous place for those working in nonfiction production to report any COVID-related health and/or safety issues or concerns pertaining to their work experiences, as production resumes amidst the pandemic.

The NPACT-sponsored hotline can be accessed online at <https://www.npact.org/hotline.html> and is available to anyone working in nonfiction production – at any level or position and regardless of whether the production company they are working for is a member of NPACT. The hotline is specific to COVID-related concerns only.

Upon receiving a message via the hotline, NPACT will share the anonymously reported information with the relevant production company; NPACT also will share its own best practices guidelines, as well as relevant state guidelines, government resources and response information from agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); the Department of Labor (DOL); the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

NPACT and its member companies are committed to best practices regarding COVID-19 production protocols to ensure the health and safety of staff, talent and network partners alike.

Said NPACT Interim General Manager Michelle Van Kempen, “We know how seriously producers and their network and streaming partners are taking health and safety protocols, which is allowing production to resume and people to get back to work. As the leader in promoting best practices in nonfiction, NPACT believes it’s also essential for workers to have a safe place to anonymously report any health and safety concerns they may have. We applaud the heroic efforts producers, buyers and staff are making to keep production up and running safely, and know that as we work together to promote communication and compliance, our industry will continue to thrive.”

**About NPACT**

NPACT, the trade association for non-fiction production companies doing business in the U.S., includes 100+ member companies comprised of production companies of all sizes, as well as allied services companies. Collectively, NPACT members produce the majority of all nonfiction content for U.S. broadcast, cable television and streaming platforms. NPACT serves as the voice for the non-fiction creative community, providing a forum for producers as they tackle challenges and business issues in this age of media disruption.

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