

# Ascension St. Vincent Self-Taping Instructions

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**Please be sure to follow each of the steps to provide  
the best chance for being selected!**

**WHERE TO FILM:** Be sure that you are filming in a well-lit location. Remember that your surroundings say a lot about you so be sure you have tidied your surroundings. Try to avoid distractions from pets and family members.

**HOW TO FILM:** Any recording format is fine, *so long as you convert it to an .mp4 file for submission.* If you will be filming using a cell phone or tablet, please remember to film your audition in LANDSCAPE orientation (wide NOT tall). You may also want to film yourself using Zoom's record feature on your computer.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Nice, everyday casual or work/school clothes. What you would wear to a scheduled doctor's appointment. No HATS! No makeup or fancy outfits on kids, please!

## **YOUR SLATE:**

1) You will first position yourself so that you are far enough from your camera that we can see from your knees to your head. From this position you will **WEAR A FACEMASK** and provide the following:

- ⇒ **NAME** (first & last)
- ⇒ **AGE** (if <30)
- ⇒ **WHERE YOU LIVE** (City & State)
- ⇒ **BOOKING AGENCY**

2) **REMOVE YOUR MASK** and move closer to the camera, so that you we see only your **head and upper body**. Now we want our client to meet you...

- ⇒ Tell us a little bit about you -- **in 30 seconds or less.**

*NOTE: Kids may want to tell us what they're favorite shows are or what they like to do at school or how many animals they have, etc. It is OK to prompt them with simple questions.*

**YOUR AUDITION:** Now we want you to create THREE imaginary scenarios (see below for ideas) that will show us that you can act! You will deliver each scenario in very short improvisations that comprise the following:

- ⇒ Say: *"Take One"* (then two and three) to begin.
- ⇒ Pretend to greet a doctor who is a specialist in a way that makes sense for your improvisation.
  - *Hi, Doctor Smith. Thanks for letting me come in ahead of mom.*
  - *Good to see you. Can't wait for this baby to get out of here and see you too!*
  - *Look! I lost a tooth!*
- ⇒ Ask a relevant question about your medical condition/situation.
  - *Are we getting my results today?*
  - *Should I make another appointment next week?*
  - *Can I listen to your stethoscope again?*
- ⇒ React to the answer in some way (relieved, concerned, upset, happy, etc.).
- ⇒ Thank the doctor in a way that fits your scenario.

NOTE: You should *use actual words* when it fits your scenario to do so. Don't pantomime! Don't mouth words.

If you have another person handy to be the doctor for you off camera, feel free to use them. Parents should feel free to prompt kids as needed. If you would like to wear your mask for one scenario, that is great!

EACH SCENARIO should be less than 30 seconds long. Be sure to give us three DIFFERENT ways to see you as a patient, partner to a patient, caregiver, or parent. Be sure to show your range as an actor. Be sure that at least one of your scenarios has a positive outcome and at least one is more worrisome.

Your TOTAL run length for your submission should not exceed THREE minutes! We encourage you to edit out any unneeded space between takes, etc.

**SUBMISSION:**

- ⇒ Name your **.mp4** file in the following format:

**LastName\_FirstName\_AgencyName**

- ⇒ Send the file(s) to your agent per their instructions.
- ⇒ Send a **separate file** for each person auditioning.

**DON'T FORGET!** You should make your agent aware of any days/evenings from May 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> for which you would be unavailable to shoot in Indianapolis.