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SUBJECT: Establishment of Interim Guidance for Prevention of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) During Wildland Fire Operations

The purpose of this memo is to announce the development of interim guidance pertaining to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and wildland fire operations. In continuing their work as a task group, the Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) has developed the attached guidelines to address public health practices and management guidelines as an anchor point from which further, site-specific organizational, or unit-specific fire management practices and guidelines can be expanded.

This guidance is intended to identify potential infection and to limit/prevent COVID-19 spread within the wildland fire community, and may be used at home, duty stations, while in travel, and on incidents.

Public health direction is continually evolving. The FMB and MPHAT will continue to update guidance for the fire community in line with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) direction and as more information becomes available.

This document and other FMB and MPHAT resources will remain updated and can be accessed through: <https://www.nwccg.gov/partners/fmb/guidance-prevention-management>.

Attachment

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