COVID Testing For Critical Infrastructure Worker - Wildland Firefighter (FFTR)

Symptomatic Individual (FFTR #1)
- Takes viral COVID test \(^{1,3}\)
- Quarantine
  - Pending test results: at medical facility, incident or alternate furnished lodging \(^{2,3}\)

Negative Test Result
- FFTR
  - Return to work, if diagnosis allows, monitor symptoms

Positive Test Result
- FFTR
  - Admitted to medical care

OR

Asymptomatic Individual (FFTR #2 & #3)
- Takes viral COVID test \(^{1,3}\)
- Quarantine
  - Pending test results: at medical facility, incident or alternate furnished lodging \(^{2,3}\)

Negative Test Result
- FFTR
  - Released from medical care
  - Maintain quarantine, take serial viral COVID test 3 days later \(^{1,2,3}\) May resume work on incident away from others

Positive Test Result
- FFTR
  - Released to Isolation

Health Org (State or Local)
- Contact Tracing Identifies CDC Tier 1 Exposure
  - Co-workers identified as close contacts through case investigation and contact tracing evaluating proximity and length of contact of co-workers with the individual with COVID-19

Notes:
- Per diem will be paid until return to the home unit.
- Employees should remain in base pay status while awaiting test results.
- Agency COVID leave rules apply once diagnosed.

* See Funding Sources
COVID Testing For Wildland Firefighters –Funding Sources

Testing at Home Unit
1. Viral Test expenses will be charged to local purchase card and redistributed according to Bureau/Agency direction. If exposure occurred on an incident, obtain S number for documentation.
2. If employee is unable to quarantine/isolate at home or gov quarters “sick room,” alternate furnished lodging (rental, hotel etc.) on the behalf of the employee. Pay with purchase card or BPO and redistribute charges according to Bureau/Agency direction. If appropriate to charge back to incident where exposure occurred, obtain S number for documentation.
3. If OWCP adjudication finds contraction of disease was through performance of duties, OWCP will pay for associated care costs. If this is the case, reconcile expenses with OWCP. **OWCP may not pay for quarters.**

Testing at Incidents:
1. Incident uses Agency Provided Medical Care (APMC) process and use local purchase card. Charge to appropriate accounting code according to Bureau/Agency direction.
2. If the Incident is unable to provide quarantine/isolation “quarters”, employees may use travel card for these expenses and will redistribute charges according to Bureau/Agency direction. If an employee does not have a travel card, use a local purchase card to pay for these expenses and redistribute the charges according to Bureau/Agency direction.
3. If OWCP adjudication finds contraction of disease was through performance of duties, OWCP will pay for associated care costs. If this is the case, reconcile expenses with OWCP. **OWCP may not pay for per diem or quarters.**

Testing in Travel Status:
1. For travel to or from an incident, charge to local purchase card and redistribute according to Bureau/Agency direction. Obtain S number for documentation.
2. If quarantine/isolation “quarters” are required, pay with travel card and redistribute charges according to Bureau/Agency direction.
3. If OWCP adjudication finds contraction of disease was through performance of duties, OWCP will pay for associated care costs. If this is the case, reconcile expenses with OWCP. **OWCP may not pay for per diem or quarters.**