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TO: Fire Management Board Members

FROM: Leon Ben Jr., Chair, Fire Management Board (FMB)

SUBJECT: Wildland Fire Agency's Roles in Public Health Case Investigation and Contact Tracing

The purpose of this memo is to provide information and guidance to fire agencies, home units, and Incident Management Teams (IMTs) on how they should engage with health departments to support Wildland Fire Agency's Roles in Public Health Case Investigation and Contact Tracing. In continuing their work as a task group, the Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) has developed the attached guidelines to address case investigation and contact tracing activities as it relates to wildland fire.

This guidance is intended to assist State, Tribal, Local, or Territorial (STLT) health departments when a case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) is identified that impacts a fire environment.

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.nwcg.gov/partners/fmb/contact-tracing

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