

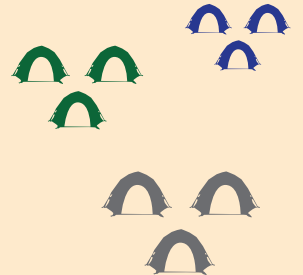
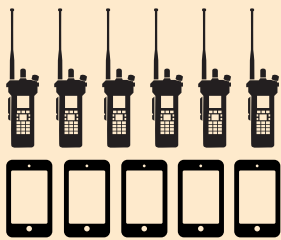
Prevention and Management of COVID-19 During Wildland Fire Operations

Keep yourself and your peers safe by practicing these measures whenever possible

Practice Social/Physical Distancing



- Do not gather in groups or shake hands.
- Hold necessary meetings outside and maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- Use radios, remote units, and virtual technology for communications as much as possible.
- Establish smaller spike camps to insulate crews/modules from each other and outside personnel and resources (Module as One).
- Keep newly onboarded crewmembers separate for 2 weeks.
- Create separate spaces in offices and housing and stagger work hours.
- Wear cloth face coverings and practice hand hygiene when riding in vehicles or coming into contact with outside resources, personnel, or the general public.



Clean and Disinfect

- Clean and disinfect shared areas and high touch surfaces in workplaces, vehicles, and housing at regular intervals.
- Use appropriate PPE and follow product label instructions when cleaning and disinfecting.
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding without appropriately sanitizing them.
- Minimize equipment sharing, disinfect equipment, and wash/sanitize hands before and after use.



Maintain a Healthy Workforce



- Monitor your own health and maintain awareness of symptoms.
- Prioritize rest, proper hydration, and nutrition to reduce cumulative fatigue.
- Practice rigorous sanitation and personal hygiene, including covering coughs and sneezes and washing/sanitizing hands.
- Conduct symptom screening, including temperature checks, at duty stations or on incidents.
- Mitigate smoke exposure whenever possible.
- Assign at-risk individuals to duties that reduce their potential for contracting the illness.



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Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

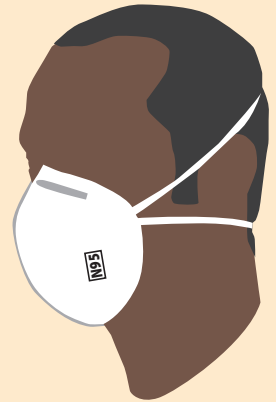


- Separate sick individuals; provide a separate bedroom, bathroom, and essential supplies.
- Sick individuals must wear a face mask or cloth covering over their nose and mouth and maintain a 6-foot distance.
- Seek immediate medical attention if someone develops emergency warning signs for COVID-19.
- Only discontinue isolation after meeting CDC criteria.



Understand Different Face Coverings

- Cloth face coverings over the mouth and nose are not PPE and should be washed with soap and water after each use.
- Disposable face and surgical masks covering the mouth and nose are not PPE and should be discarded after one use.
- N95 filtering facepiece respirators are PPE and have a close facial fit and efficient filtration of airborne particles.



Other Resources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>.
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group:
<https://www.nwccg.gov/committees/emergency-medical-committee/infectious-disease-guidance>.

