



## NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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NWCG Memorandum 20-004

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TO: NWCG Executive Board Members  
FROM: Frank Guzman, Chair, NWCG Executive Board  
SUBJECT: NWCG Fire and COVID-19 Briefing Checklist Decal

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**Purpose:** NWCG has approved a Fire and COVID-19 Briefing Checklist Decal intended for placement in the *Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)*, PMS 461. It is recommended the decal be placed on page 120 of the 2018 *IRPG*, opposite the existing Briefing Checklist. The decal should be used to supplement your fire and operational briefings to encourage open and honest discussion to help protect yourself, your crew, and your camp. Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

**Issue/Action:** The *IRPG* is the one guide all firefighters utilize on a regular basis, carry on assignment, and are the most familiar with. The Fire and COVID-19 Briefing Checklist decal will be easily accessible during wildfire operations for briefings or personal review. The decal will be printed with orange background and available to order as NFES 2646 in packages of 100 by mid-July. Visit <https://www.nwcg.gov/catalogs-ordering-quicklinks> for ordering information. Until then, a downloadable PDF (with printing instructions) is available at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/461>.

**Background and Coordination:** Firefighter and public safety remains our top priority as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. Information regarding COVID-19 is extensive, sometimes confusing, and constantly evolving. Additionally, numerous informational and guidance documents have been issued through national, state, and local channels to provide wildland firefighters with prevention and mitigation measures. The NWCG COVID-19 webpage, <https://www.nwcg.gov/coronavirus>, is intended to be a single source for interagency resources and will be updated continually.

The information on the decal is a combination of wildland fire COVID-19 lessons learned incorporating recommendations and edits from the Incident and Position Standards Committee, Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT), and Risk Management Committee (RMC).

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