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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.





• Wear cloth face coverings and practice hand hygiene when riding in vehicles or coming into contact with outside resources, personnel, or the general public.













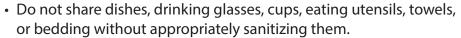








- Clean and disinfect shared areas and high touch surfaces in workplaces, vehicles, and housing at regular intervals.
- Use appropriate PPE and follow product label instructions when cleaning and disinfecting.



 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.

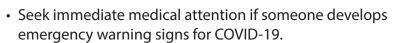
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#### **Prevent the Spread of COVID-19**



- 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.



• 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.





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



