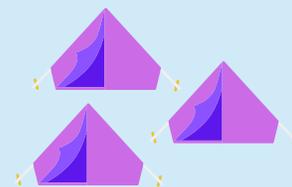
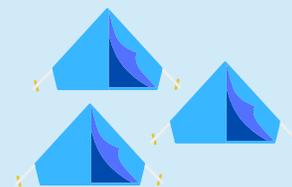


# Prevention and Management of COVID-19 During Wildland Fire Operations

*Keep yourself and your peers safe by practicing these measures*

## Practice Social/Physical Distancing

- Avoid gathering in large groups, shaking hands, or making direct contact with others.
- Hold meetings outside and maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- Use radios, remote units, and virtual technology for communications.
- Establish smaller spike camps to insulate crews/modules from outside personnel and resources (Module as One).
- Create separate spaces in offices and housing and stagger work hours.
- Always have cloth face coverings and hand sanitizer when riding in vehicles, and use before 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.



## Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

- Isolate symptomatic individuals as much as possible.
- Symptomatic individuals must wear a face mask or cloth covering over their nose and mouth and isolate themselves from others until they can be transported to a health care facility for testing.
- Seek immediate medical attention if someone develops emergency warning signs for COVID-19.
- Initiate contact tracing for persons within 10 feet of symptomatic individual.
- 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

**Alaska Division of Forestry COVID Response:** <http://forestry.alaska.gov/covid>

**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>.

