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**Change:** The BLM Fire Operations Group would like IPSC/IOSC to consider creation of a sticker titled, "Fire and COVID-19 - Briefing" which would be placed in the PMS-461, IRPG, on page 120, as a reminder of preventative behaviors and actions to take, or how to limit virus spread from potentially infected individuals.

This issue is interagency as it affects all firefighters.

All firefighters have the potential to contract COVID-19; however, consistent prevention and mitigation actions may reduce the risk of getting sick or infecting others.

The change would be creation of a "Fire and COVID-19 - Briefing" sticker and placing it in the current version of the IRPG on page 120.

Firefighter and public safety is our first priority. Briefing COVID-19 safety protocols regularly, and having it readily available, should help focus firefighters on basic ways to prevent infection or limit spread.

If you prefer, you can attach a document:

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nwcg.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fwebform%2Fipsc-rfc%2FFire%2520and%2520COVID-19%2520-%2520Briefing.docx&data=02%7C01%7C%7C3b18460bad144a7c841108d8028de04e%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C1%7C637262155671906255&sdata=W26W75MDNtSTLrgAlKuCVpmVgp%2BC%2B4WzZzppjw7tsD4%3D&reserved=0>

# **Fire and COVID-19 - Briefing**

## **Self-Awareness / Screening**

- Notify supervisor immediately if you experience:
  - Fever / Chills
  - Coughing
  - Shortness of Breath
  - Abnormal Muscle Pains
- Notify the supervisor of other personnel displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- Review crew and division medical plan to isolate and transport a suspected COVID-19 firefighter.

## **Hygiene on the Fireline**

- YOU are responsible for your hygiene.
- Avoid handshakes and communal use items as possible.
- Have a supply of hand sanitizer and hand wipes in personal gear bag. Inform supervisor of needed resupply.
- Disinfect high touch surfaces often:
  - Radio, phone, doors, pumps, fuel, etc.

## **Social Distancing and Protective Equipment**

- Initiate, remind, and practice social distancing. The more spacing the better.
- Conduct briefings and conversations in open, outdoor environments as much as possible.
- Utilize face coverings as a tool, when practical, to reduce airborne droplets and provide social distancing reminder to others.
- Launder or replace dirty PPE to help prevent virus spread.

## **Communications**

- Face coverings and social distancing may complicate or obscure messages. Ensure effective sender / receiver messaging. Ensure instructions are understood every time.

**Protect yourself, your crew, and your camp!**