

FIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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TO: Fire Management Board Members

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SUBJECT: Continued focus on Firefighter Health and Wellbeing

Although the public health emergency declaration for COVID-19 has ended, the Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) emphasizes continued support of the health, wellbeing, and readiness of firefighters on incidents through sustained infectious disease prevention efforts. In addition, all safety protocols outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's and Department of the Interior's COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plans are still required and should be followed. Please review the attachment and communicate appropriate direction within your agencies.

As a reminder, MPHAT guidance can be found at: https://www.nwcg.gov/firefighter-health.

Attachments:

Memo - Firefighter Health and Wellbeing - Continued Management and Prevention of Infectious Disease During Wildland Fire Operations

Guidance for Prevention and Management of Infectious Disease During Wildland Fire Operations

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