



Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

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To: Chair, Interagency Aviation Preparedness Task Team (IAPTT)
From: Chair, Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee
Subject: RE: COVID Response

BACKGROUND:

The IHOPS subcommittee was tasked by IAPTT to address Helicopter specific COVID-19 concerns.

RECOMMENDATION:

The IHOPS subcommittee believes there is enough leaders' intent in the mitigation for the potentials of contamination in helicopter operations. Although there are many potentials for contamination to those using helicopters, most concerns are similar in nature to those in other natural resource operations, to include; wildland fire, search and rescue, etc.

At the risk of giving conflicting guidance, IHOPS subcommittee only identified the potentials for contamination that are unique to helicopter operations. We feel the mitigation we initially provided gives the helicopter program managers enough direction, while leaving specific mitigation procedures up to the field given their unique circumstances.

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