

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Recommendations

- Full PPE including eye protection, N95 mask or SCBA, rubber gloves.
- Limit patient contact, assess from at least 6 feet away initially
- Sanitize all gear and apparatus on return
- Wash hands frequently
- Limit unnecessary contact at fire station
- If you are sick stay home
- If you have been around someone who has traveled stay home
- Reach out to neighboring departments and come up with a response plan in case your department starts to see a decrease in personnel due to being sick.
- Check your wildland masks, Hot shield masks have an N95 mask in them
- Maintain social distancing
- Avoid touching face
- Document all personnel that had contact with patients, what type of exposure, and how long. The more documentation the better!
- Treat everyone as if they have tested positive for COVID-19

Links:

PPE Recommendations- <https://repository.netecweb.org/exhibits/show/ncov/item/688>

COVID-19 Resources - <https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/coronavirus-covid-19#covidResourcesMore>

Here are two links covering legal notification issues:

<http://www.firelawblog.com/2020/03/26/coronavirus-sars-cov-2-to-be-added-to-ryan-white-act-disease-notification-requirements/>

<http://www.firelawblog.com/2020/03/27/burning-question-covid-19-and-hipaa-hysteria/>