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To: NFES: National Interagency Support Caches

From: Tory Henderson, Chair, Equipment Technology Committee – NWCG

Subject: Contagious Disease Barrier Kits – NFES 1660 and NFES 1675

On June 24, 2009, the NWCG Executive Board released an instructional memorandum titled “Interim Influenza Guidelines for Wildland Fire Responses”. This direction establishes minimum standards to be employed to provide safeguards to prevent the spread of influenza or other viral infections during wildland fire responses. One of the needs identified is to have the appropriate contagious barrier equipment. In response, the National Fire Equipment System is adding two contagious disease barrier kits to the NFES inventory for use on incidents. The contagious disease barrier kits will be stocked at the National Interagency Support Caches. As these kits are being newly added to cache inventories the NFES catalog will not contain information on them until the 2010 edition is published/web posted.

The two Contagious Disease Barrier Kits to be carried are the NFES 1660 – Individual Contagious Disease Barrier Kit, and the NFES 1675 – Multi-Person Contagious Disease Barrier Kit. Attachment 1 provides information on kit contents, item quantities, cost, and vendor information.

The NFES 1660 – Individual Contagious Disease Barrier Kit is designed for Medical Unit’s to have on-hand in order to assist in the treatment of potential contagious individuals. The NFES 1675 – Multi-Person Contagious Disease Barrier Kit was developed to provide protection for up to 10 people. Medical Unit Leaders will need to determine the minimum initial stocking levels of these kits for their incident based on the incident’s staffing levels and other perceived risk factors.



Eventual cache inventory levels for these kits will be determined based on the estimated demand from incident Medical Units and other potential users. In the interim, sufficient quantities of both kits are being procured to address potential incident needs for the remaining 2009 fire season. The kits will be carried by all the National Interagency Support Caches and should be widely available by mid September, 2009. Both Contagious Disease Barrier Kits will be added to Cache Vans in 2010.

It is anticipated that local units interested in obtaining these products will procure contagious disease barrier kits directly from the vendor. In addition to the contagious disease barrier kits listed above, the General Services Administration (GSA) has influenza protective products on schedule (see Attachment 2). GSA has an H1N1 support program in place and items can be ordered through www.GSAglobalsupply.gsa.gov.

If you have any questions or comments based on the information contained in this Cache Memorandum please contact Matt Cnudde, USFS Emergency Management Specialist at (208) 387-5277 or email mcnudde@fs.fed.us.

/s/ Tory Henderson

Attachments:

Contagious Disease Kit Information Sheet, 1 pg
GSA – H1N1 Influenza Support Products, 13 pgs

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