

Arizona Strip Fire Social Distancing – Daily Schedule & Operational Briefing Plan (Covid-19)

In order to keep our Firefighters safe during the Covid-19 pandemic the following guidelines have been developed and should be followed as much as possible. As Firefighters we realize that all risk cannot be mitigated and the reality of the dynamic nature of firefighting may not allow all guidelines to be followed at all times. Do your best to stay diligent, keep your situational awareness and follow the risk management process to make sound decisions with the safety of all in mind.

All resources should be encouraged to report any emerging symptoms to their supervisor (Crew Boss, Unit Leader, Module Leader, Duty Officer, Division Supervisor, Floor Supervisor, etc.). In addition, supervisors should assess subordinates' health daily using the Wildland Fire COVID-19 Screening Tool to ensure no emerging symptoms. It is recommended the screening questions are asked of all personnel routinely throughout the day.

“Module as One” Daily Briefing Checklist*

- Risk Assessment & Pre-Screen Health Questionnaire for Module Personnel (Covid-19 BLM AZ Fire Pre-Screen Matrix & Interim Screening Protocol and Tool).
- Clean & Disinfect Module Vehicles. Ensure vehicles are cleaned and properly disinfected at beginning and completion of use.
- Check-In and Report Engine Status with Color Country Dispatch.
- Report Engine Staffing to acting Duty Officer and Program Lead.
- Prepare for remote operational briefings using Microsoft Teams. **You will be required to keep in communication this year via iPhone, iPad and computer.**
- Watch the Great Basin Daily Outlook video - <https://gacc.nifc.gov/gbcc/outlooks.php>
- Review Fire Weather Forecast.
Zone AZZ102 - <https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/fire2/?wfo=vef>
Zone UT497 & UT498 - <https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/fire2/?wfo=slc>
- 6 Minutes for Safety - <https://www.nwccg.gov/committees/6-Minutes-for-safety>
- Review National Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report - <https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>

* “Module as One” Module personnel should be assigned together for the entire season, on the same schedule, same assignments, in same camp, etc. Modules' vehicles, equipment, work areas, etc. should be off limits to anyone outside of the module if possible. Modules should be as self-sufficient, following mitigation measures described in the AZ Covid-19 Fire Operation Mitigation Plan to further minimize chances of exposure to coronavirus.

Daily Shift Schedule

In order to best mitigate the risks of person to person spread as well as surface to person spread daily operations will need to be adapted. Here are some adaptations for daily operations to keep CDC social distancing. Here is the adapted schedule for daily operations to keep CDC social distancing.

It is important during down time to continue to take advantage of any training opportunities and remain physically fit. Get creative with PT and remain active throughout the day. Get creative with training, just because it isn't an NWCG course doesn't mean it's not training.

07:30 – Truck checks (vehicles should be parked more than 12' away from other modules vehicles while doing checks to help maintain 6' separation. Do not touch another modules vehicles or equipment.

08:00 – Modules will meet for PT at dedicated location in ware yard or other outside location approved by Engine Captain/Crew Leader. Modules should not PT with other Modules unless the standard 6' spacing can be maintained and no cross contamination of surfaces can occur.

09:00 – Crew members will be allowed to return home to shower unless they are the designated to have access to facilities for the day.

10:00 – “Module as One” Daily briefing will be done via Microsoft Teams, Zoom or Conference call when appropriate and/or by each individual module when virtual methods are unavailable. Briefing will include Daily weather, Six Minutes for Safety, and National Situation Report (See Briefing Checklist).

10:30-17:30 Continue to be diligent and following social distancing guidelines. Pre-Position Engine to best meet Initial Attack response. Daily project work (*While working on projects with other crews continue to follow social distancing protocol. When possible do projects with your own crew*) If no projects are available or there is down time between assignments **DO NOT** hang out in the office, warehouse or yard.

17:30 – Begin cleaning Vehicles & Equipment and any other areas or surfaces that may be touched by incoming crew or other co-workers (Operation Room, Gym, Bathroom/Showers, Office Area).

18:00 –End of shift. Check with Duty Officer for possible extensions.

One module will be designated as the in-office module for the day and be allowed to use the gym facilities and locker room facilities to be ready as the first out module for the day. Immediately following use of the facilities all surfaces must be cleaned prior to leaving the area. Here is the adapted schedule and daily in office staffing

SUNDAY-	E-1601
MONDAY-	WT-1901 (SQ 1-2 Fuels Resource)
TUESDAY-	E-1301
WEDNESDAY-	MANAGEMENT (USFS -4711)
THURSDAY-	E-1602
FRIDAY-	E-1401
SATURDAY-	MOKI

Vehicle and Local Travel Protocols

1. Do not change vehicles and keep YOUR stuff in YOUR vehicle.
 - Whenever possible do NOT swap vehicles with other crew members of your own module or other modules.
 - If you do not have to switch vehicles, all hard surfaces should be wiped with disinfectant to include, door handles, arm rests steering wheel, handles, dash, stereo knobs, seatbelt latches, radio buttons, and radio mic.
2. Out Station Protocols.
 - When staying at out stations keep your belongings in the same room and do NOT share a room with others.
 - Along with normal outstation cleaning measures addition precautions should be taken to prevent the spread of any illness.
 - Disinfect all commonly touched surfaces such as door handles, toilets, faucets, tv remotes, gate latches, locks, etc.
 - When leaving the facility clean exterior door handles as you leave the station.
 - If you have to leave a station for a fire call and do not have time to effectively clean facility, notify duty officer or replacement crew. In such situation's the facility should remain unused for at least 3 days or cleaned and disinfected prior to use (See Attached Government Quarters Cleaning Guidelines)

Vehicle – Equipment Cleaning & PPE

With the evolving information on how the disease spreads, how long it can survive on surfaces and what symptoms it may present it is important to keep social distancing guidelines as much as possible and maintain an elevated level of general hygiene and cleanliness. That being said some extra PPE should be carried on person and in each vehicle. The following is a link to EPA certified disinfectant cleaners.

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

Ensure vehicle are cleaned and properly disinfected at beginning and completion of use. This would include wiping down high touch surfaces with disinfecting cloth and spraying interior of vehicle with appropriate disinfectant (e.g. Lysol) If task requires vehicle to be used at multiple sites to complete task, ensure vehicle are cleaned and properly disinfected at completion.

When driving with members from your module. It is highly recommend that Mask or Face Barriers be worn. Mask or Face Barrier -Current CDC guidance includes wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. The use of simple cloth face coverings is recommended to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

PPE for Vehicles*

- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Soap
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Spray Bottle Cleaner
- Disposable Gloves
- Dedicated Cleaning Gloves (Follow Cross Contamination Avoidance Procedures for Storage)
- Mask

PPE for Individuals

- Pocket Size Hand Sanitizer
- Pocket Size Disinfectant Wipes
- Disposable Gloves (If Available)
- Mask or Bandana (To prevent you from spreading if you have a cough or sneeze fit)

* Work with Shayne Hunt on supply orders. Supplies will be limited.

Crew Expectations

1. You must be “fire ready” or “project ready” everyday! *This means you are adequately prepared for any fire or project assignment that can last 14 + days.*
2. Report to work ‘fit for duty’. *Do Not Report, not properly rested, hung-over, under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, and medications that impair your ability to work safely.*
3. Establish and promote crew cohesion to maintain a safe and efficient work environment.
4. Be Professional: Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. Crews in the field are the primary representatives of the Arizona Strip District Fire Management Program and will be held accountable as such.
5. Understand your Leaders intent and know the task, purpose and end state of your assignment.
6. Seek opportunities to build interagency relationships with cooperating agencies and partners to fulfill the same goals and help them when and how we can.
7. All fire personnel will be provided with a workplace free of unlawful harassment and discrimination.
8. Take pride in what you do, hold yourself accountable and always strive for improvement.

Here is some general information on how COVID-19 spreads (sourced from CDC's website) Supervisors should ensure personnel have no present symptoms of illness using the Wildland Fire COVID-19 Screening Tool prior to consideration of incident assignments. In addition to this initial screen, Supervisors should inform personnel going on assignments of ongoing routine daily screening on all incidents during COVID-19.

What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



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