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Date: February 19, 2021

To: SWA Training Coordinators and Fire Community

From: Southwest Coordinating Group

Subject: Covid Safe Practices for Training Season 2021

As the Covid-19 Pandemic lingers, affecting the wildland fire training season, we ask that all fire personnel continue to implement the COVID-19 prevention guidelines and remain vigilant.

We ask that as much as possible, training is held in a virtual, instructor-led or online format is the preferred delivery method the from NWCG Executive Board and the Fire Management Board.

- NWCG Tasking Memorandum TM-20-003: Alternative Course Delivery Planning for 2020/2021 Training Season
- FMB Memorandum No. 20-015 Requirements and COVID-19 Mitigations for Medical Exams, Work Capacity Tests and Critical Training for the 2021 Fire Season

It is recognized that some courses or portion of courses require in-person training or field exercises.

During this training season, all in-person training activities will be scheduled and must comply with the public health orders of the state for which the event will be hosted for that given time period.

- [State of Arizona Public Health Orders & Executive Orders](#)
- [State of New Mexico Public Health Orders & Executive Orders](#)

Mitigations for in-person training may include:

- Screening participants using the [Wildland Fire COVID-19 Screening Tool](#).
- Limiting the number of students and trainers
- Requiring social distancing and mask use.
- Holding training sessions outdoors and/or in areas with good air flow.
- Wearing gloves and sanitizing all shared touch items.

Please contact your bureau or office for more specific information or requirements.

Southwest Coordinating Group Chair

Date: