

Managing Hybrid Meetings and Workshops in Support of Wildland Fire

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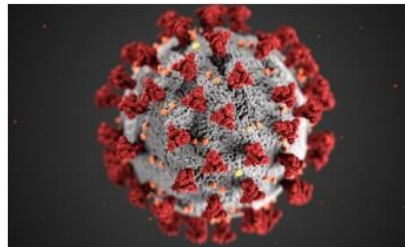
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Introduction

A significant amount of information regarding COVID-19 has been distributed as agencies respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.

This page provides wildland fire personnel quick, single-point access to COVID-19 prevention and management information pertinent to wildland fire operations. As always, all wildland fire personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with home-agency direction.



Wildland Fire-Specific Information and Direction on COVID-19

Key Takeaways:

Get vaccinated!

- FMB Memo 21-002, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Vaccines for Wildland Fire Personnel
 - 21-002s, MPHAT Memo Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Vaccines for Wildland Fire Personnel

Continue to practice key mitigations

Read

- [MPHAT Guidance for Prevention and Management of COVID-19 During Wildland Fire](#)
- [Prevention and Management of COVID-19 During Wildland Fire Operations](#)

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

KEEP ONE COW
APART



← AT LEAST 6 FEET →

**PROTECT
AGAINST INFECTION**

Keep your hands clean
to prevent the spread of COVID-19



MASK UP



And ***Use Technology***...that means
Hybrid Meeting support from IT Staff



On Wildland Fire Assignments Daily:

Operational Briefings Morning and Night
20 in person, up to 100 Virtual

Planning Meetings
20 in person, 5-10 Virtual

Cooperators Meetings
40 in person, 25 Virtual

Public Meetings

10 in Person, hundreds Virtual

Evacuations 1,2,3 Go

10 in Person, 20 Virtual

(sensitive Information, be careful)

Cohesive Strategy Workshops



Wildland Fire Leadership Council
30 In Person, 20 Virtual

International Association of
Wildland Firefighters
In Person Covid cancelled,
Over 100 Virtual

Use the technology....what does
that *really* mean to IT Support Staff?

Eighty percent of
success is showing up.

Woody Allen



We learned quickly that we needed:

Electricity

Speedy and Reliable Internet Access

Laptop

Zoom, Facebook Live, MS Teams or other platforms

HD Camera and Tripod

High Quality Microphone – Consider a lapel mic for presenters

High Quality Speakers

2 Monitors, long cables

Ring Light

Meeting Facilitator

Meeting Production Manager (me...or you)

Or.....

You can hire a very expensive streaming service that will bring all of the needed equipment and a technician to manage the meetings

Keep a close eye on costs for their gear and support staff.













Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western States Cohesive Strategy Workshop









Challenges

Zoom.gov license no longer works

Organizer must start the meeting

Background noise

Unstable Internet

Lighting and Shadows

Lack of funding for equipment

Thank you.

Questions?

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