June 8, 2020 COVID-19 Wildfire Response Update

Risk Management Assistance Dashboard
The USDA Forest Service Risk Management Assistance (RMA) program has developed the RMA Dashboard. It has tabs to products to help line officers, agency administrators, fire manager, incident management teams (IMTs), area commands, geographic area coordination centers, and multi-agency coordinating groups to make more risk-informed decisions in wildland firefighting.

Medical Unit COVID-19 Concept of Operations Plan
The National Wildfire Coordinating Group Emergency Medical Committee released the Medical Unit COVID-19 Concept of Operations Plan. It provides information for medical units dealing with COVID-19, including the roles and responsibilities of the Medical Unit Leader and the function and operations of a COVID Medical Unit. The document was reviewed by the interagency Medical and Public Health Advisory Team and may be useful to IMTs and personnel working fires with teams assigned.

Notable within the document is the deference to state and local health departments:
- "State and local public health departments may have stricter COVID-19 guidance than listed in this document. It is incumbent on the Medical Unit Leader and/or other appropriate local agency or incident leaders to understand and implement any additional pandemic controls put in place by the local jurisdiction."

Western State Testing Requirements
Below is information thus far collected (June 8, 2020) on western states requiring testing:
AK: Under the direction of State Health and Social Services, Alaska DOF is providing testing for all incoming resources and first responders. At the request of BLM we used "voluntary" for federal employees due to the direction Alaska BLM is getting from national leadership. We are also looking into the availability of testing post incident similar to the Florida model. Please see this memo.
CA: California has no specific policies directing COVID-19 testing for employees. Only in Executive Order N-27-20 does it authorize COVID positive, asymptomatic first responders "to continue working during the period of the emergency, subject to those responders, providers, and workers taking precautions to prevent transmission."
HI: No testing requirements at this time.
KS: No testing requirements.
MT: Currently have no testing requirements (and not enough testing capacity to make that possible - currently).
ND: No testing requirements.
NE: No testing requirements.
NV: Currently working on this but no set policy yet.
OR: Oregon is currently working on this but no set policy yet.
SD: No testing required for the state.
UT: No testing requirements.
WA: WA DNR has no testing policy in place at this time.
WY: County-driven for Wyoming and there are no testing requirements currently.