

National Type 2IA Crews Key Supply Requirements for Responding to All Hazard Incidents during COVID-19 Pandemic

Contractors shall adhere to all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state health authority and other regulatory agency requirements, guidelines and direction regarding the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Contractors must also comply with all agency infectious disease mitigation requirements when assigned to incidents and are required to provide all key supply items for the protection of their employees, vehicles and equipment when assigned to incidents.

Key supply items identified by the CDC and US Forest Service Medical and Public Health Advisory Team (MPHAT) that the contractor is required to provide include:

- **Cloth face coverings** - Cloth face coverings are recommended for use off the fire line when six feet of distance cannot be maintained, not including driving. Specific CDC guidelines for cloth face covering can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- **Cleaning and disinfecting supplies** - Cleaning and disinfecting shall occur as outlined by CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html> using cleaning products from the approved list of disinfectants located here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- **Hand sanitizer or soap and water** - hand washing should occur frequently as outlined by CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>
- **Disposable Gloves** – For use cleaning and disinfecting <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html>
- **Thermometers** – OPTIONAL. This is not a required item and only suggested if available.

CDC Website References

Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

State & Territorial Health Department Websites

<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>

FAQs for Wildland Firefighters

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/wildland-firefighters-faq.html>

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Section G, Contract Administration Data, Subsection G.2 Payment for Fire Suppression, All-Hazard, Severity/Preparedness, paragraph (h) is changed to read as follows;

(h) OVERNIGHT ALLOWANCE, AND MEAL ALLOWANCE

Overnight Allowance and/or Meal Allowance may be authorized under the following conditions:

(1) Overnight Allowance

When the Government cannot provide a campsite, and if authorized by the user unit and properly receipted and invoiced, actual lodging expenses (double occupancy) incurred by the NCC are reimbursable (single occupancy is reimbursable to follow social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19, approval/justification must be in writing from the Government). While in travel status to or from incidents actual lodging expenses are reimbursable. For any lodging expenses invoiced at single occupancy (not prior approved based on above stated guidelines), the reimbursement payment shall be reduced by 50% for each room singly occupied. If the NCC has an odd number of male or female crew members an additional room may be authorized. The maximum allowable lodging rates per room, excluding taxes shall not exceed the current standard Continental United States (CONUS) lodging rates referenced in the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR). Double occupancy rates may be higher, but must not exceed double the standard CONUS lodging rate. Any associated lodging taxes are reimbursable as documented on the lodging invoice.

Notwithstanding the user unit authorization above, the Overnight Allowance is authorized while in travel status when the Contractor cannot reach an assigned destination due to the Incident Operation Driving Guidelines driving limitations.