Wildland Firefighter Smoke Exposure and COVID-19

What to know about exposure to wildfire smoke and COVID-19:

Exposure to air pollutants in wildfire smoke can
- irritate the lungs
- cause inflammation
- alter immune function
- increase susceptibility to respiratory infections, like COVID-19
- possibly increase the risk of developing more severe outcomes for those with COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 and smoke exposure can be the same
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing
If you have any of these symptoms let your supervisor know immediately, self-isolate, and follow proper protocols.

For more information on how to stay safe at work, visit
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus