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Good morning WASPC members:

I hope this email finds all of you well during these challenging times. During this period of the COVID-19 pandemic, agencies have had to make tough decisions on staffing while still providing high quality services to the public. We also have thought about this at the Fusion Center.

The staff has been thinking about this since before the first Coronavirus infection was reported in China. The Fusion Center has been experimenting with ways to institute a COOP plan and how we could keep the Fusion Center fully operating even when we cannot have full staffing on site. The plan we have developed is being initiated and the Fusion Center will be able to maintain full operations. We have been working with the FBI to have protocols similar to theirs when it comes to staffing. We have instituted technologies so analysts can work remotely. We have established a conference bridge on Wednesday mornings so we can continue Standup and we can communicate and collaborate with our partners across the state. We have staggered start times with staff working Monday through Friday from approximately 0300hrs to 1800hrs. We have limited the number of staff physically on site with a rotating schedule.

Finally, until further notice visitors will be restricted from the Fusion Center. No one should notice any difference in Fusion Center operations and any requests sent to the Fusion Center will be promptly answered. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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