Tracking industry responsiveness to COVID-19

What has happened and why lies ahead?
Introduction

COVID presented unique challenges for the offshore industry with potential for

- Multiple fatalities
- Long-term health complications
- Impacts on availability of personnel for safety-critical roles, emergency response
- Risks to essential energy supply

EVERYONE had a role to play

- A real test of flexibility & resilience
- What did that actually mean?
- What lies ahead?
Initial Response
Infectious disease management
Testing the response
**Ongoing impacts**

COVID-19 consequences

- Oil price volatility
- Corporate impacts
- Deferred activity: capital and operational
- Increased operating costs
- Deferred maintenance
- Workforce pressures
Supporting the Mental Health of the Workforce

Psychosocial hazards

• Isolation periods prior to travelling offshore
• Changes to work schedules
• Requests for workers to relocate to avoid border closures

Can lead to

• Fatigue
• Stress
• Anxiety
• other symptoms of psychological distress
Call for Action: Offshore Worker Mental Health Survey

A Mental Health Working Group (MHWG) was developed between NOPSEMA, APPEA and the Principal Offshore Unions.

The MHWG has partnered with Curtin University and the University of Western Australia to develop a survey, using evidence-based, research-backed measures which allow the researchers greater insight into the psychosocial impacts of COVID-19 and are vital to informing industry and the development of strategies that best support employee mental health and well-being.

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Please contribute!
Looking ahead

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Any Questions?

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