Keeping Offshore Energy Safe Through COVID-19



SAFETY IS ALWAYS THE TOP PRIORITY OFFSHORE

The offshore energy industry is committed to protecting the health and safety of its employees, the communities that support operations and the consumers that depend on production. NOIA member companies have implemented protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, share best practices and lessons learned with each other and coordinate with the Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Customs & Border Protection.



WORKER SELF-SCREENING

The first line of defense are workers themselves. Workers who have symptoms, have been in close contact with any one has had symptoms, or have recently traveled to areas with community spread are told to stay home and to contact their employer.



PRE-TRAVEL SCREENING

Companies are screening workers before they check-in to board any marine vessels or helicopters to go offshore. Workers fill out exposure and symptom screening questionnaires, are subjected to temperature screening as well as additional medical screening.



MARINE & SHOREBASE MITIGATION

Companies are providing onboard measures to enable exposure limiting practices and planning for symptom assessments for symptomatic individuals. Companies are following Center for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations. Vessels and shorebases are supplied with additional alcohol-based hand sanitizer and surface cleaning products as well as digital notouch thermometers and N95 respirators.



FACILITY MITIGATION

On offshore facilities, mitigation measures to implement social distancing practices have been established, especially in the galley area, and continuous screening is still followed. Companies are following enhanced cleaning, disinfecting and good house keeping measures, including increased sanitization.

COVID-19: AN EVOLVING CHALLENGE

COVID-19 is new, elvoving challenge for the world and for the offshore energy industry. Accordingly, practices and strategies to combat the spread of COVID-19, protect the health of workers and communities and produce the energy the world needs are constantly adapting. NOIA encourages you to visit the Offshore Operators Committee (OOC) website for the latest information: