



INDUSTRY CIRCULAR

To: All Oil & Gas Industry Operators

All Oil and Gas Industry Service Providers

RE: MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 OUTBREAK

We acknowledge your efforts in implementing stringent measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in your immediate environment and areas of operations in line with Government's directives and the Guidelines of Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) as well as recent circulars issued by the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR). Similarly, the Department expresses gratitude to industry players that have, in one way or another, supported the Federal Government in its fight against the COVID-19 scourge. Your continued collaboration, donations and contributions are well appreciated.

At this juncture, it is appropriate to share the following recommended practices that are proving effective in managing the spread of the Corona Virus across the industry, especially in offshore and remote locations, for your guidance and necessary actions:

1. Strategies adopted by Industry Operators during this period is anchored on Health and Safety of Personnel, Compliance, Stakeholders' alignment, ensuring work-life balance, leveraging technology as well as ensuring continuity of businesses & operations.
2. Most Offshore Operators maintain a transit center in an onshore facility where intending offshore workers are isolated and monitored prior to embarkation for a 14/14/14, 14/28/14 or 14/28/28 days cycle (i.e transit center/offshore/off-duty in compliance with DPR's earlier directive on offshore rotation, to ensure that asymptomatic carriers are not missed out, a minimum of 14 days isolation period prior to embarkation should form part of your

protocol for management of COVID-19 outbreak as this conforms with the corona virus incubation period of 2-14 days. In addition, isolation centers should be made conducive enough to prevent psychological trauma and emotional imbalance as a result of solitary confinement.

3. Generally, there are no requirements for supervised isolation of offshore workers immediately after disembarkation, since offshore facilities are inherently controlled and isolated.
4. Some Operators have commenced COVID-19 testing whereas others are making plans to acquire appropriate test kits. All companies should ensure that such COVID-19 test kits and procedures conform to NCDC/WHO standards to guarantee reliable results and avert needless panic that may result from inaccurate testing.
5. DPR acknowledges the collaboration and display of understanding by both industry Unions (PENGASSAN and NUPENG) in the implementation of the modified rotation schedule and other company-specific measures. The Department enjoins the Unions, as critical stakeholders, to maintain high level of cooperation with their respective companies during this precarious and challenging period.
6. All Operators shall promptly report any case of COVID-19 in their offices, locations or installations to appropriate authorities and the DPR. In addition, similar measures should be adopted for onshore field locations where interface with host communities and local workers is prevalent, to complement ongoing efforts of Government at combatting the COVID-19 spread.

In light of the above, we enjoin all operators, service providers and contractors to remain focused in implementing established protocols at all locations and be alert to further directives of Government.

Whilst hoping for the imminent end of this global pandemic and early return to normal operations, please be assured that the DPR will continue to support your business and facilitate continuity of operations in order to keep the wheels of the industry turning, all in overriding national interest.

**Signed,
Management.**