



Guyana COVID-19 Response Plan



Purpose

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many governments and companies have imposed restrictions limiting the movement of people. This working document describes at a country level how OSRL will approach supporting Members during spill response incidents. It is intended to be referred to as guidance only, based on best-available information at the time of writing. It should be read in conjunction with the latest COVID-19 statement on OSRL's website: <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/news--media/news/coronavirus-statement/>

COVID-19 Response Readiness Dashboard

OSRL Members' Information Hub - a single location to cover your needs, keep you up to date and provide you with the latest information on our response readiness. <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/external-links/covid-19>

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Revision history

Version	Date updated	Description of changes
1	19-April-2020	First published version
2	6-May-2020	Restrictions dates updated
3	15-July-2020	Restrictions dates updated
4	9-Sep-2020	Restrictions updated including new date (extended to 30 September 2020)
5	1-Oct-2020	Restrictions updated (extended International travel restrictions to October 11 th 2020)
6	05-Jan-2021	Restrictions updated
7	09-Mar-2021	Restrictions updated

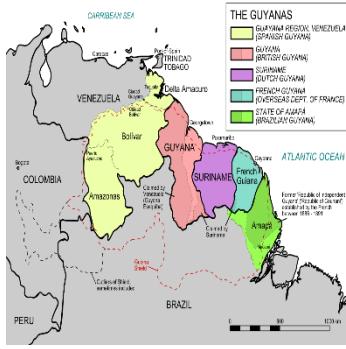
Service aspect	Normal service	Disruption / Restrictions	Amended approach
OSRL's Emergency Operations Centre	Remote technical advice from OSRL Duty Manager	None	As normal
	Provision of 2D and 3D oil spill modelling	None	As normal
	Provision of satellite imagery	None	As normal

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Mobilisation	<p>Mobilisation of OSRL response team to incident location assisted by mobilising party</p> <p></p> <p>Restrictions for entering Guyana</p> <p>Effective January 26, all airline passengers to the United States ages two years and older must provide a negative COVID-19 viral test taken within three calendar days of travel. Alternatively, travelers to the U.S. may provide documentation from a licensed health care provider of having recovered from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding travel.</p> <p>Country-Specific Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The latest requirements for travelers to Guyana are listed at https://guyanatravel.gy. Travelers no longer need prior permission to book travel to Guyana but must obtain a PCR test with negative result within seven (7) days of travel, and complete a passenger locator form (electronic form found at https://guyanatravel.gy/passenger-locator-form) to enable contact tracing, at least 24 hours prior to travel. The COVID-19 test results must indicate the test is a "PCR Test." Travelers who provide a negative test result dated within 72 hours of their flight departure can avoid additional testing upon arrival. Passengers with a PCR test administered within 4-7 days of travel will be retested upon arrival in Guyana, and charged USD \$85.00 for the additional test, payable by cash or credit card.The Government of Guyana announced an update of the COVID-19 emergency measures on February 28, 2021. The Moleson Creek crossing between Suriname and Guyana shall be open three days per week and the ministry of Public Works shall determine the days and times when the crossing shall be open. Curfew remains in force from 10:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., with stores and businesses able to remain open until 9:30 p.m. Restaurants are permitted to open for outdoor dining, delivery, drive-thru, curbside pickup and take out until 9:30 p.m.; as of January 29, 2021 indoor dining is allowed at 40% capacity with additional restrictions. Face masks are required to be worn in public spaces. The revised measures took effect from March 1 and will last until March 31, 2021. <p>COVID-19 Testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Are PCR and/or antigen tests available for U.S. citizens in Guyana? YesIf so, are test results reliably available within 72 hours? YesNote: a PCR test is sufficient to meet the CDC Order's requirement of a viral test (NAAT or antigen).Public Testing<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public testing is only for people showing symptoms or who have been in contact with someone with COVID-19; not available for travelers.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cost: Free (no cost)Only the PCR test is offered. Results are available within 72 hours.Present yourself at one of the locations below stating your reason for requiring the test, or contact the COVID-19 hotline at 624-3067 / 227-4986:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Herstelling – East Bank DemeraraParadise – East Coast DemeraraGeorgetown Public Hospital Corporation Inc (using the East Street Entrance)Private Testing (costs vary):Ministry of Health Approved PCR testing facility (costs vary):Eureka Medical Laboratory<ul style="list-style-type: none">Address: 263 Thomas St. North Cummingsburg GeorgetownOnly the PCR test is offered. Results are available within 48 hours.Schedule: PCR test is administered every day.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<p>OSRL will deploy resources in the event of an incident provided it can be done safely and legally, with appropriate precautions in place to safeguard the health of staff and contractors.</p> <p>First wave response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">OSRL has five technical staff members based in US who would be mobilised to support in IMT / technical advisory / field-based operational roles. These responders would be subject to self-isolation restrictions, unless there is an alternative approach. <p>Second wave response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Phase 1: OSRL would deploy responders from the US, and UK as most appropriate for the nature of the incident. These responders would be able to fill IMT / technical advisory / field-based roles. The exemption process would be utilised with support of the Member to gain permission to travel. These responders would be subject to self-isolation restrictions.Phase 2: OSRL would deploy responders from US, UK, Brazil and Singapore bases as most appropriate for the nature of the incident. These responders would be able to fill IMT/technical advisory/field-based roles. <p>Ongoing response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In the event of a mobilisation, immediate rotation planning commences (as usual processes) to ensure seamless continuity of in-country response. This would utilise the same exemption process as above and would bring responders into Guyana with sufficient time to clear the self-isolation restrictions. <p>Remote support</p> <p>For all the above, remote support will be provided to the in-country team from OSRL's EOCs in UK (Southampton.)</p> <p>Exemption of restrictions</p> <p>As O&G activities are listed as Essential activities, OSRL understands that an exemption may be granted for emergency responders to enter Guyana in the event of an oil spill incident. This is working in progress.</p> <p>For spills in Guyana, OSRL will also work with the mobilising party in order to gain permissions from the Guyana government to enter and operate within Guyana.</p> <p>OSRL understands there may be alternatives for the 14-day self-isolation requirements – for example medical testing to demonstrate responders do not have the COVID virus. Investigation to fully understand these continues.</p> <p>https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/COVID-19-Airport-Status.aspx</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persons whose tests were taken more than 72 hours (3 days) prior to travel are required to have a repeat test done on arrival in Guyana. Fees for the second PCR test are to be collected by the airline before boarding the passenger. Children under 2 years old, traveling with parents or other authorized adults who have tested negative are not required to be tested.• Persons whose test was taken within 72 hours (less than 3 days) prior to travel, and children below the age of thirteen (13) are not required to be tested on arrival. Airport health authorities may also conduct additional testing for COVID-19 for arriving passengers who exhibit symptoms, such as a temperature above 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Any passenger exhibiting symptoms or testing positive upon arrival shall comply with the Ministry of Health measures for self-isolation and/or quarantine for a duration of 14 days.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Persons who test positive for COVID-19 upon arrival are required to isolate in a government facility or, with government approval, private lodging. There is no fee for lodging at a government facility; the individual is responsible for all costs for private lodging. <p>Transportation Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Are commercial flights operating? Yes.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Guyana's international airports reopened to commercial flights on October 12. Eastern Airlines, American Airlines, Jet Blue, Suriname Airlines, and Caribbean Airlines are currently offering service from the United States to Guyana.▪ Per the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), any person seeking to fly into Guyana from abroad—including U.S. citizens—must complete a Passenger Locator Form and comply with testing guidelines, see https://guyanatravel.gy/ for more details.○ Is public transportation operating? Yes.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All passengers and operators of public transportation must wear a mask. http://www.guyanapoliceforce.gy/ <p>Airport Operator Guidelines – Travel to Guyana (guyanatravel.gy)</p>	

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	Mobilisation of dispersant aircraft and aircrew to incident location, assisted by mobilising party	<p>None at the moment, 2Excel have moved to split shift working to provide additional resilience. Doncaster Airport remains open.</p> <p>2excel have confirmed their ability to respond, however mobilisations would be reviewed on a case by case basis.</p> <p>The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to secure aviation support services at airport dispersant missions (e.g. supply of fuel, airport logistics, permit application for low-lying flight and dispersant spray, etc.)</p> <p>Airline crew would follow the same risk mitigation measures as other OSRL responders, including use of appropriate PPE, enhanced personal hygiene and physical distancing.</p> <p>*The flight times detailed below are for guidance purposes only and are subject to obtaining flight clearances, landing permits, ground handling time, local security situation, adverse weather conditions or any other unforeseen circumstance which could delay the flight. As with any response there will be factors outside of our control which could affect the response times and every endeavour will be taken to ensure a timely mobilisation.</p> <p><u>Guyana (0600 departure) - CHEDDI JAGAN INTL TIMEHRI</u></p> <p>Timings with Boom Fit at Destination</p> <p>Departure – 06:00 Doncaster – Keflavik: 02:30 (08:20) Tech Stop: 01:00 (09:20) Keflavik – St Johns: 03:30 (12:50) Night Stop: 11:00 (23:50) St Johns – Miami: 04:30 (04:20) Tech Stop: 01:00 (05:20) Miami – Cheddi: 03:30 (08:50) Boom Fit: 02:00 (10:50) Night stop: 11:00 (21:50) Elapsed time to ready to Spray – 39:50</p> <p><u>Guyana (1400 departure) - CHEDDI JAGAN INTL TIMEHRI</u></p> <p>Timings with Boom Fit at Destination</p> <p>Departure – 14:00 Doncaster – Keflavik: 02:30 (16:30) Nigh Stop: 11:00 (03:30) Keflavik – St Johns: 03:30 (07:00) Tech Stop: 01:00 (08:00) St Johns – Miami: 04:30 (12:30) Nigh Stop: 11:00 (23:30) Miami – Cheddi: 03:30 (03:00) Tech Stop & Boom Fit: 02:00 (05:00) Elapsed time to ready to Spray – 39:00</p> <p>The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to secure aviation support services at airport dispersant missions (e.g. supply of fuel, airport logistics, permit application for low-lying flight and dispersant spray, etc.)</p> <p>Airline crew would follow the same risk mitigation measures as other OSRL responders, including use of appropriate PPE, enhanced personal hygiene and physical distancing.</p> <p>There are conversations with Gaico Construction and General Services Inc as tier-2 operator to support during the loading operation on site before the dispersant spraying until OSRL responder are able to get into country.</p>	

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	Mobilisation of surface response equipment and dispersants to incident location, assisted by mobilising party	<p>The sea and airfreight markets are disrupted and currently fluid as a result of wider COVID-related disruption.</p> <p>AIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scheduled belly-freight availability is low due to widespread scheduled flight cancellations.747 availability for spot-charter is low.Antonov availability for spot charter is reducing.Options remain for smaller freighter aircraft. <p><i>* Currently, the air charter market is extremely busy and as such Boeing 747 and other similar aircraft are being heavily utilised to support the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The AN-124 market is as part of this effort being utilised for standard cargo freight charter. As such, normal charter lead times have increased based on current scheduled charter commitments for the aircraft, and the immediate availability of aircraft has therefore reduced. The availability of aircraft for a response will be determined by market conditions on the day and "spot" market availability to respond to an immediate emergency charter request. OSRL remains in close contact with our logistics providers & charter brokers who are monitoring the situation. OSRL will continue to keep you informed and notify immediately if there are significant changes in availability. Please contact OSRL directly for further information.</i></p>	<p>GENERAL</p> <p>We can contact the U.S Embassy for assistance in case of an emergency.</p> <p>U.S. Embassy Georgetown 100 Young and Duke Streets, Kingston Georgetown, Guyana Phone: 592-225-4900/9 Fax: 592-225-8497</p> <p>We are also currently in discussion with local commercial companies to provide assistance to mobilising party for internal logistics coordination such as:</p> <p>Gaico Construction and General Services Inc can handle all movements of response equipment in country. Komal Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Gaico Construction and General Services Inc. Georgetown, Guyana. Contact: (592)-226-5165 (592)-623-4161 (592)-638-6114</p> <p>Trans Guyana Airways offered support services that will be required at Ogle or Timehri.</p> <p>Michael Correia CEO Trans Guyana Airways T: 222-2525 E: mcorreia@transguyana.net</p> <p>The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics. We are also in discussion with Gaico Construction and General Services Inc to provide assistance to mobilising party for internal logistics coordination.</p> <p>SUBSEA HARDWARE</p> <p>OSRL has confirmed with relevant OEM partners that they remain able to perform necessary maintenance/pre-deployment works on subsea hardware.</p> <p>As per normal mobilizing arrangement for SWIS equipment, mobilizing party will arrange for logistics from respective SWIS equipment storage location and into the country.</p> <p>NOTE ON GDS MOBILISATION</p> <p><i>GDS mobilisation is typically a long wavelength operation, focussed on maintaining continuous supply chain of dispersants to enable ongoing subsea, aerial and vessel-based dispersant application to occur.</i></p>
In-country response <i>Typical roles performed by OSRL shown here – not exhaustive</i>	IMT-based technical advice	<p>Personnel</p> <p>IMT-based technical advisory may be impacted by entry and self-isolation restrictions.</p> <p>The 5x5 onsite technical advisory service may be impacted by entry and isolation restrictions.</p>	<p>Personnel</p> <p>Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>Remote technical advice into an IMT will be provided by technical staff based in any OSRL location via video conferencing platforms such as Skype, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.</p>

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	Aerial surveillance operations (inc UAV)	<p><u>Personnel</u> Aerial surveillance operations by OSRL personnel as onboard observer may be restricted due to the travel restrictions to Guyana.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL has a Call-Off Agreement with SkyFuture to provide UAV capabilities in Guyana to support aerial surveillance operations.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Assuming we are able to enter Guyana, OSRL responders will be able to conduct overflights as normal. Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>OSRL will provide remote support and advice to member on the aerial surveillance operation, spill identification and spill quantification based on the information gathered during the surveillance flight chartered by the member, e.g. photographs and videography.</p> <p>OSRL can provide remote training to aircraft and helicopter pilots or designated observers.</p> <p><u>UAV</u> Support from Member to apply for exemptions/approvals from relevant government agencies for UAV operator to be exempted from intra-state travel and isolation restrictions.</p> <p>OSRL responders can provide technical advice and analysis of UAV imagery/video remotely if necessary.</p>
	Shoreline and inland operations	<p><u>Personnel</u> Shoreline response operations and Shoreline Clean-up Assessment Technique (SCAT) operations by OSRL personnel may be impacted due to the travel restrictions to Guyana.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> Movement of equipment via land, sea and air, please see above.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Assuming we are able to enter Guyana, we will be able to provide this service. Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>In the event when a OSRL responder is unable to enter Guyana, the Member will need to source for a tier-2 provider to assist in carrying out the operation using OSRL equipment.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL is still able to mobilise equipment if needed. The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics. We are currently in discussion with Gaico Construction and General Services Inc to provide assistance to mobilising party for internal logistics coordination</p> <p><u>SCAT operations</u> SCAT operations can be adapted to be carried remotely through the deployment of UAV with remote support being provided to interpret imagery and input into SCAT programme.</p>
	Offshore vessel-based operations	<p><u>Personnel</u> Offshore operations by OSRL personnel may be impacted due to the travel restrictions to Guyana.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> Movement of equipment via land, sea and air, please see above.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Assuming we are able to enter Guyana through special exemption from the National Disaster Management Agency, we will be able to provide this service. Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>In the event when a OSRL responder is unable to enter Guyana, the Member will need to source for a tier-2 provider to assist in carrying out the operation using OSRL equipment.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL is still able to mobilise equipment if needed. The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics. We are currently in discussion with Gaico Construction and General Services Inc to provide assistance to mobilising party for internal logistics coordination.</p>

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	Aerial dispersant operations	<p><u>Personnel</u> Currently not restricted due to the exemption for IAR aircrew.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> The operation can be conducted by the trained aircrew with remote support from OSRL personnel via video conferencing.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> The normal level of support would be required from Gaico Construction and General Services Inc to perform loading operations on site before the dispersant spraying.</p>
	Oiled wildlife response	<p><u>Personnel</u> Mobilisation of oiled wildlife equipment held by OSRL and international oiled wildlife experts impacted by travel and logistics restrictions.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Remote IMT-based technical advice from our Fort Lauderdale, US base via video conferencing platform such as Skype, Microsoft teams and Zoom, etc.</p> <p>OSRL members have access to Sea Alarm Foundation's Technical Advisors based in Belgium, for which one advisor can be deployed to site to provide oiled wildlife response advice and supervision.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL members has access to OSRL wildlife equipment located in 4 OSRL bases with Fort Lauderdale, US base being the nearest to Guyana. Refer to mobilisation of surface response equipment for more details on the disruptions and restrictions on mobilising oiled wildlife equipment.</p> <p>As normal, the optimal routing for equipment and dispersant mobilisation will be based on availability of the spot market. Anticipate potential for delay due to disrupted freight market.</p> <p>The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics.</p> <p>Oiled wildlife resources can also be obtained in country based on advices given by the oiled wildlife technical experts.</p>

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