

## **COVID-19 Update - 30th April 2021**

Last week the Response Team in Southampton, UK, ran a Shoreline Exercise. The exercise aimed to maintain our ability to respond by:

- maintain and grow technical competence
- embedding good practice
- fostering teamwork

During the exercise, OSRL responders were able to get hands-on with the equipment. This practical exposure was invaluable after a period of reduced activity due to COVID-19.

Many of the attendees had not seen each other face to face in over a year. So, it was a significant opportunity to reforge the team's interpersonal bonds. These relationships are crucial when working under pressure during an oil spill.

During the exercise, small teams rotated over several sites. The rotation allowed participants to respond to different environments and use various tactics and equipment. In addition, using this method promoted social distancing and allowed a greater focus on leadership.

The week was a success with key objectives met and no safety incidents. It enabled responders to exercise and drill in a shoreline environment. But, above all, it helped us maintain and improve our ability to respond for our members.

## **Vaccinations**

Government-led vaccination programmes have commenced in all OSRL locations, and we are monitoring progress with our personnel. We now have 133 people globally who have received their first dose, which is 47% of the global population, of these, 58 people (20%) have completed their course.

## **Country plan updates**

This month we have updated the following country plans;

- Spain
- Israel
- Norway
- Mauritius
- Mexico

- Argentino

If you would like to view all our COVID-19 country plans, [please use this link](#).

### **Latest news and events on our website**

#### **Seeking member feedback on the new Global Oiled Wildlife Response Service (GOWRS)**

We are proposing a new Global Oiled Wildlife Response Service (GOWRS). This service offers a guaranteed 4-person Tier 3 Assessment team of wildlife specialists.

GOWRS will be a Supplementary Service, and we are seeking your feedback. However, OSRL will only be able to offer the service if there is enough interest from Members.

[Click here to find out more information or register your interest.](#)

### **Latest insights article**

In our latest insights article, Lee Barber reflects on the Balongan refinery incident. Lee discusses how the company might structure itself for this incident. He questions whether this is an incident or a crisis. In conclusion, Lee discusses the possible approach to potential medium/ long term issues. [Read more here.](#)

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