COVID AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT 4TH IAIA SURVEY RESULTS

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Background

- ► Four surveys conducted by IAIA with member support
- March 2022, March-April 2021, May 2020, March 2020
- Response rates between 700 and 1,000 of 10,000 contacted
- Surveys content evolved but has sufficient overlap to compare over time
- Provide a snapshot of how Covid affected the practice of impact assessment and the people involved
- May provide insight on how impact assessment policy and practice may change going forward
- Results to date are based on preliminary analysis

What is your current situation?	March 2022	March- April 2021	May 2020	March 2020
Formally quarantined	3.03%	31.99%	32.72%	17.29%
Staying at home - government recommendation	7.44%	27.39%	31.02%	62.69%
Staying at home - personal decision	15.29%	19.32%	20.25%	9.41%
l am working away from home - perform an essential service.	5.92%	7.41%	6.66%	5.80%
I am in a hospital or other medical care facility.	0.28%	6.29%	4.53%	0.33%
Working and traveling as before.	22.87%	5.91%	4.53%	1.97%
Working as normal but with limitations	45.18%	1.69%	0.28%	1.53%
Respondents	736	1066	706	905

has affected you personally? (Select all that apply.)	Survey	Survey	Surv
I am feeling a sense of professional isolation.	33.53%	35.44%	36.60

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34.43% 39.24% 39.97%

34.28% 30.63% 35.14%

32.34% 34.93% 44.22%

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How has the COVID-19 pandemic

I am feeling a sense of social isolation.

Responses

I am experiencing personal worry,

I am feeling uncertainty about the

anxiety or concerns.

future.

Positive impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. (Select all that apply.)	4 th Survey	3 rd Survey	2 nd Survey
I have had more time to spend with family.	52.66%	48.75%	54.01%
I have less commute time.	42.34%	35.66%	41.82%
I am spending less money (on commuting, lunches, etc.).	33.08%	35.96%	45.55%
I have the opportunity to develop better and/or more efficient ways to conduct my work.	30.65%	29.57%	29.2%
There has been a positive impact on the environment.	29.89%	28.87%	44.82%
My work environment is quieter due to fewer people.	28.53%	24.26%	24.67%
Respondents	659	1001	685

How are COVID-19 travel restrictions currently affecting your work?	March 2022	March- April 2021	May 2020
No effect	18.87%	10.16%	38.81%
Work as before, but now remotely	28.88%	41.50%	19.77%
Was working remotely, but now have returned to my pre-COVID work location.	33.82%	19.92%	15.55%
Work less than before	8.85%	12.21%	15.12%
Travel restrictions make it very difficult to continue working	8.71%	13.28%	6.69%
I have stopped work.	0.87%	2.93%	4.07%
Responses	689	1024	688

New ways of working or innovations. (Select all that apply.)	4th Survey	3rd Survey
Increased use of virtual meetings, virtual conferences and/or webinars to maintain engagement levels with colleagues	94.64%	81.05%
Increased use of digital methods or platforms to conduct work	73.04%	65.38%
Remote working, working from home, or flexible working	75.54%	69.01%
Development or use of online training/learning	65.00%	58.13%
Health and sanitary safeguards at work	51.25%	38.71%
Work rotations to meet social distancing guidance	32.32%	24.21%
Other (please specify)	3.93%	2.92%
Responses	560	885

What types of new or different technology or field methods are you using to overcome restrictions (on travel)? (Select all that apply.)	
Not using anything new or different	
Aerial or satellite photos	

Engaging with local organizations to collect information,

Responses

Promoting Citizen Science or similar approaches

Training community members to do field work

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV, "drones")

including photos and samples

Other (please specify)

4th

survey

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Survey

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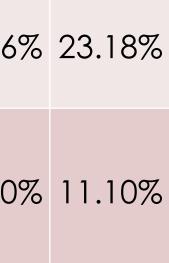
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Please select one of the following responses to indicate how environmental rules and regulations in the country where you work have changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic	4th Survey	3rd Survey
The Government has formally bypassed environmental rules and regulations based on the pandemic.	13.64%	14.36%
The Government has proposed, but not enacted, changes to environmental rules and regulations based on the pandemic.	19.86%	23.18%
The Government has formally bypassed or proposes to bypass environmental rules and regulations based on the pandemic, but these changes are being contested in the legal system.	5.70%	11.10%
The Government has taken no action, and has not proposed, changes to existing environmental rules and regulations in	60.79%	51.36%

Responses

response to the pandemic.



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In Closing

- ► The surveys changed over time but provide insight into how the pandemic affected impact assessment and the individuals involved
- ▶ The surveys documented
 - ► A shift to increased use of communications and other technologies
 - ▶ A demand for skill development in the use of these technologies
- Time series data suggest a return toward "normal", but the aggregate of responses may hide geographic differences
- ► The survey hasn't really captured changes in impact assessment policy; It is unclear if there will be any changes in the end
- The data, although not perfect, should be used to frame IAIA strategies and support to the field going forward
- The surveys are the result of the hard work of IAIA staff and IAIA members, who are thanked for their efforts.

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