



SAFETY INSIGHTS

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Prevent the Spread!

Seasonal flu activity is high in the U.S. and expected to continue for weeks, and as you may have seen in the news, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of a 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).



While there is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection, the CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. As a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Since the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a rapidly evolving situation, please monitor the following websites for updates:

[Stony Brook University - Coronavirus Information](#)
[CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
[CDC Influenza \(Flu\)](#)

Meet the Staff



Colleen Shea is our new **EH&S Research Associate Radiation Safety Officer**. She will be responsible for developing and implementing safety plans and procedures for the Cancer Center's Cyclotron Facility. Colleen previously worked at the NY State Department of Health Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection as a Radiological Health Specialist performing compliance inspections of a variety of radioactive materials licenses and x-ray installations in NY State. Prior to that, she worked for over 20 years at Brookhaven National Laboratory as a radiochemist at the BNL PET Research Center.

Please join me in welcoming Colleen to her new position!!

Report All Injuries

(State, Research, Student & Hospital)



The following forms must be used to report accidents involving an injury, illness or exposure to chemical, biological or radiological materials (via inhalation, splash or other accident):

- State: [Accident Reporting System \(ARS\) Procedures](#), [State Employee Injury/Illness Report](#)
- RF: [Research Foundation Work-Related Employee Injury/Illness Incident Report](#)
- Minors/Students: [Student Accident/Injury Report](#)
- Hospital Employees: [Stony Brook Medicine Injury/Illness Report](#)

Annual review of injuries for Stony Brook University.

This includes Campus, Hospital and LISVH

Recordable Injury Summary: A review of the reported injuries and illnesses for 2019 has shown an overall decrease in the number of cases and lost time cases from 2018 on Main Campus and University Hospital and a reduction in lost days from injuries all together.

Summary of Injury Cases	What Does this Mean?	2019 Results
Total Recordable Injury Cases	Injuries reported to Department of Labor.	484 Total Reportable Cases Down 7% from prior year.
Total Lost Time Cases	Cases resulting in more than 1 day away from work.	222 Total Lost Time Cases Down 8% from prior year
Total Lost Days	Total Days away from work because of injury.	7,431 Total Lost Days Down 21% from prior Year

Primary Cause / Nature of Injuries: A review of the cause and nature of injuries and illnesses in 2019, as shown below, gives an indication of the cause and nature of injuries for Main Campus, University Hospital and LISVH.

Location	Primary Cause of Injuries	Primary Nature of Injuries
Main Campus	Lifting/Pushing/Pulling; Struck By	Sprain/Strain; Contusion/Bruise
University Hospital	Contaminated Sharps; Lifting/Pulling/Pushing	Contaminated Sharp; Sprain/Strain
LISVH	Lifting/Pulling/Pushing; Struck By/Against	Sprain/Strain; Contusion/Bruise

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