

Dear Colleagues,

If you are an essential worker, please read the following and take action!!!

UUP members who believe they were exposed to COVID-19 at work should move quickly to document and report the exposure.

The potential long-term effects of COVID-19 are unknown, making it imperative for members to protect their rights to medical care and wage replacement through New York's Workers' Compensation system. Noting **on-the-job exposure to COVID-19 now can prove crucial to protecting your rights to receive future workers' compensation benefits.**

Members should:

- Document the exposure;
- Report the exposure by following their campus process for filing an accident or incident report;
- Call the state Accident Reporting System at 1-888-800-0029 to report the exposure; and
- file a state Workers' Compensation claim if you become ill.

UUP has created an informational flyer on workers' compensation and COVID-19 to provide clear, concise information on this issue. There is also a UUP COVID-19 Exposure Tracking Form that members can use to create a written record of their exposure.

Members can download the flyer and the exposure tracking form by going to UUP's COVID-19 Resource page at <https://uupinfo.org/resources/covid19/>.

Be well, Stay Safe.

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