

# NCCFT

Now our Challenge is to Cooperate and to move Forward Together!

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## News from the Health & Safety Committee

*The NCCFT Health & Safety Committee is going full speed ahead this semester to keep you safe and healthy.*

On February 15, members of the Health & Safety Committee, the NCCFT Executive Committee, and interested individuals attended a campus safety workshop to help us better address safety issues and to better serve NCCFT members. The workshop was conducted by Wendy Hord, the NYSUT Health & Safety Specialist.

Several departments on the old and new campus have contacted us regarding air quality, the use of chemicals and cleaning materials, and mold. These issues are being addressed by us with Carlos Rentas and Ezra Delaney.

You have **a right to know** what chemicals (paint, cleaning materials, fungicides, etc.) are being used in your building. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and container labels may be requested from Carlos Rentas. If no MSDS is available, the product should not be used until one is available. Take the product to Carlos Rentas at his office for identification.

If you are having symptoms related to your building's conditions, go to [www.nccft.org](http://www.nccft.org) and download the Health & Safety Complaint Form. Fill it out and send it to the NCCFT Office/H&S Committee. All forms will be kept confidential.

If you need medical assistance while on campus, call Public Safety and have them transport you to the College Health Office. Public Safety will fill out an incident report. You can also go to the Health Office on your own and be seen by the nurse, who will generate paper work regarding your illness. Please notify the H&S Committee if it is necessary to visit the nurse due to issues in the workplace.

We ask you to be aware of all health and safety matters on campus and notify the NCCFT Office or the Health & Safety Committee about them. We cannot do this alone; we need you, using all of your senses, to keep us all safe and healthy.

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## Did You Know?

- Medical benefits paid by NCC to provide members with coverage:
  - Individual - \$ 5,741.88 per year
  - Family - \$12,164.16 per year
- NCCFT members are now allowed three dental cleanings per year. Please notify your dentist about this change.
- Elections for NCCFT Officers will be taking place in March/April.

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## For Your Information

The NYSUT post card campaign will start in mid-March. NYSUT will be asking legislators to support the Community College state budget. All NCCFT members will be given postcards to mail to Assembly member Ron Canestrari, Chairman of the Assembly's Higher Education Committee and Senator Kenneth P. Lavelle, Chairman of the Higher Education Committee.