

**NEIDL Agent Incident Reporting Summary October 2017 -December 2017, Q4**

Date of Incident	Incident Type / Agent Involved	BSL	Transmissible Person to Person	Description	Reportable Incident	Reportable of Clinical Illness	Comments / Corrective Actions
10/5/17	Scratches to bilateral hands from cat	ABSL1	No	A Veterinary Research Technician was scratched on her hands by a naive cat that had been startled by noise..	Yes	No	<p>When introducing a new variation on handling/restraint where stress may be induced; use additional soft leather gloves for increased hand protection; these are always available in the animal room. These were not used in this case as all animals had shown high comfort levels with restraint. Dexterity can be reduced using these gloves but they are helpful before an animal's acceptance of a new stimulus is verified. If dexterity is reduced below a technician's comfort level, a soft leather glove may be worn on the non-scruffing hand which was affected in this case.</p>

10/18/17	Thumb laceration on metal file cabinet	N/A	No	A technician sustained a cut on his left thumb from a sharp piece on a metal cabinet when he was pulling wires from behind the cabinet. No biological hazards were involved.	Yes	No	File was checked to see if modifications could be made. A request to facilities to file down the edge within the cabinet was not needed
11/21/17	Scratches to left forearm from cat	ABSL2	No	A Veterinary Research Technician was scratched by a cat that had previously been infected with feline morbillivirus but had since been cleared from the cat.	Yes	No	Further training was instituted by the NEIDL Animal Core Director on the procedure for restraint of cats as well of review of procedures when an animal reacts differently or a technician does not have a firm hold and must re-set.
12/6/17	Left elbow strain	N/A	No	A mechanic reports he felt a tweak in his left elbow when he pulled on a wrench to free up a bolt.	No	No	The quick release of the bolt is the suspected reasoning behind the elbow strain. The positioning of the wrench release will be reviewed to prevent future re-occurrence in regards to ergonomics of the work