

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory/ School of Biological Sciences 2023 Campus Climate Survey Results

The CSHL Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Violence and Prevention was administered from May to June 2023. The survey was sent to 99 students, including School of Biological Sciences (SBS) students, Students-in- Residence, Visiting Students. Of the 99 students, 28 responded resulting in a 28% response rate. Following is a summary of the survey results:

1. 27 of 99 students agreed to participate in the survey. (27% response)¹

2. 59.26% of participating students agreed that SBS/Laboratory official should do more to protect students from harm.

37.03% of participating students agreed if a crisis happened on campus, the Laboratory would handle it well.

59.26% of participating students agreed the Laboratory responds too slowly in difficult situations.

37.03% of participating students agreed that Laboratory officials handle incidents in a fair and responsible manner.

44.45% of participating students agreed that the Laboratory does enough to protect the safety of students.

51.85% of participating students agreed there is a good support system on campus for students going through difficult times.

3. 77.78% of participating students stated that the campus climate has not impaired their ability to fully participate in the academic/campus experience.

4. 70.37% of participating students believe that their report of an incident to someone of authority at CSHL would be taken seriously. 50.56 % believe that a fair investigation would be conducted. 51.85% believe they would be provided with the necessary support during an investigation. 48.15% believe the Laboratory would take steps to protect them from further harm by the person(s) who committed the act. 33.33% believe appropriate action would be taken against the person(s) who committed the act.

5. Participating students stating they have received written brochures, emails, flyers or verbal information from the Laboratory concerning:

The definition of sexual assault – 81.48%

How to report a sexual assault – 92.59%

Where to go to get help if you or someone you know is sexually assaulted -81.48%

Who you can go to talk to confidentially about a sexual assault – 81.48%

Title IX protections against sexual assault – 85.19%

¹ One participant opted to skip all questions, except question 18.

6. 92.59% of participating students stated that they have received training in the prevention of sexual assault.
7. Participating students responded that they know how to report an incident of sexual assault to the Laboratory as follows:
 - 88.89% know how to report an incident of sexual assault.
 - 96.30% know how to report an incident of sexual harassment.
 - 55.56% know how to report an incident of domestic violence.
 - 55.56% know how to report an incident of dating violence.
 - 62.96% know how to report an incident of stalking.
8. 77.78% of participating students understand where to get help on campus if they, or a friend, were sexually assaulted. 44.45% understand what happens when a student reports a claim of sexual assault on campus.
9. 80.77% of participating students understand the definition of “affirmative consent.”
10. 96.15% of participating students understand that someone who is incapacitated cannot provide consent.
11. While a student at the Laboratory, 100% of participating students indicated they have never been a victim of sexual assault, dating violence, or domestic violence. 96.15 % of participating students at the Laboratory indicated that they have never been a victim of stalking, with one participant (3.85%) indicating that they are not sure.
- 12-14. No incidences of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking was reported to their faculty member.
15. 25% responded that if they were a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who did not report the incident to anyone at the Laboratory the reason would be because they were afraid. 8.33% responded that they would not want to get the other person in trouble. 66.67% selected Other.
16. 59.26% of participating students know the difference between pursuing a criminal complaint and a complaint through Laboratory procedures.
17. 33.33% of participating students understand that victims of campus sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking are not required to report the incident to the police.
18. 64.29% of participating students have never witnessed an incident of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking while at the Laboratory, and 17.86% are not sure if they witnessed such an incident.
19. Regarding the question of why people sometimes fail to intervene to help someone in danger of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, 80.77% believe it is due to fear of getting involved; 50% believe it would be fear of getting hurt; 61.54% believe it would be not knowing what to do, 53.85% believe it is due to not understanding the situation; and 11.54% selected Other.