



COVID-19 policies for Imaging Core – LSN

(effective June 1, 2020)

We are a community of researchers. This means that we not only look out for our lab mates, but for everyone in the Wildcat family. Please comply with these policies in the spirit of caring for the health and wellbeing of others. Unfortunately, we need to act as if everyone else (including you) on campus might be an asymptomatic carrier of the virus. Until we have a vaccine, we will likely have some variation of policies like these. For additional information on the virus see the main UA COVID-19 page for more information: <https://www.arizona.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

DO NOT COME TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK

Please follow the UA guidance regarding monitoring your wellness. Do not come to work if you are sick or symptomatic. If you have been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, please follow the CDC guidelines for self-quarantine. The UA is providing a cell-phone texting-based opportunity, called AZCOVIDTXT, that allows people to perform a digital wellness check and voluntarily report symptoms. We encourage you to sign-up for AZCOVIDTXT at: <https://azcovidtxt.org/>

YOUR LAB MUST HAVE APPROVAL TO USE THE CORE

Only trained users from labs that have completed a [Restarting Research Checklist](#) and have been approved by their Department Chair and/or their College's Associate Dean of Research are allowed to use the facility. This is a new UA requirement, effective June 1, 2020. See: <https://research.arizona.edu/covid19/researchrestart>

ALWAYS WEAR A FACE COVERING

At the direction of the UA's senior leadership, a face covering is required to be worn when on campus. We are extending this, such that you will be required to wear a face covering even if you are operating an instrument in a room by yourself.

WASH HANDS BEFORE & AFTER

Wash hands (or use hand sanitizer) before entering the lab and after you are done. The LSN bathrooms are located next to the North elevator in LSN. We will try to make hand sanitizer available, however it may take some time for us to be able to get a supply.

SAFETY/PRESCRIPTION GLASSES ARE RECOMMENDED

Because there is the potential for person-to-person transmission by the microscope eyepieces, we are highly recommending that all users wear either prescription eyeglasses or clear safety glasses when using the microscope eyepieces.

- Clear plastic safety glasses are relatively inexpensive. We recommend safety glasses that are shaped like regular eyeglasses, as the curved lenses of many types of safety glasses can make it more difficult to position your eyes for focusing the microscope and may introduce optical distortions. Example (\$7.36 from Amazon): https://www.amazon.com/Y50BKAF-C-Safety-Performance-ResistantComfortable/dp/B07253G22T/ref=sr_1_11

ONLY ONE USER PER MICROSCOPE

Our microscope rooms are smaller than the UA recommended one person per 144 sq ft (DMI6000 = 132 sq ft, Elyra = 136 sq ft). With that in mind, we are requiring that users operate the microscope by themselves. If you need to consult with another person, you can initiate a Zoom meeting and share the microscope computer screen with the other person. You can initiate a meeting by going to: <https://arizona.zoom.us/> You will need to use your phone for audio and video as the instruments do not have webcams.

DISINFECTING THE WORK AREA IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

There are paper towels and a squirt bottle of 70% Ethanol available for disinfecting the area and places that people commonly touch. Each microscope has a short cell phone video available on the computer demonstrating what needs to be done. The area will be cleaned by Doug daily, but users are also expected to disinfect before and after their sessions.

PLAN FOR A 15 MINUTE SCHEDULING GAP BETWEEN USERS

There will be much interest in getting back to using the instruments. We will be requiring a 15-minute gap between scheduled appointments to allow for the room air to exchange. That means that you need to schedule appropriate amounts of time for your research, including transferring data files, plus time for disinfecting, AND to allow for that 15-minute gap between users.

TRAINING & SUPPORT WILL BE DONE CAUTIOUSLY

Because the microscope rooms are small (with the instruments taking up quite a bit of that available space), training and technical support means that two people are in a smaller space that should (ideally) only have one person at a time.

- **TRAINING WILL BE DONE ONLY ONE USER AT A TIME**
Because of the size of the microscope rooms, we will only train one user at a time. We do not anticipate this changing any time in the foreseeable future.
- **ASSISTED USE MAY NEED TO BE DONE BY ZOOM**
This will be regularly evaluated.
- **TECHNICAL SUPPORT & TRAINING WILL BE DONE CAUTIOUSLY**
I am back on campus fulltime effective June 1, 2020. Please help me stay healthy by wearing your face covering and keeping as much physical distance as the room configuration allows. In some cases, technical support might entail a Zoom session, I have the ability (with the user's permission) to remotely control the instrument.