

Research Resumption Phase 2- Arts & Sciences Imaging Center

Please carefully read the guidelines below for safely resuming Phase 2 Resumption of Research activities in the Arts & Sciences Imaging Center. By using the Imaging Center, you agree to follow these guidelines. Failure to do so may result in suspension of access to the facility.

General Guidelines

1. Researchers who have been previously trained and are able to use the facility independently may use instruments in the A&S Imaging Center during Phase 2 of Research Resumption, provided that the activities satisfy all criteria described below and are conducted with adherence to the rules set forth.
2. All activities to be conducted at this time must be part of a project that has been granted Phase 1 or Phase 2 exemption by the Office of the VPR. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain that approval from the Office of the VPR.
3. To limit occupancy and allow time for disinfection of equipment and space, researchers must reserve instrument time in advance using the online Equipment Reservation Form (<https://imaging.as.uky.edu/imaging-request-form>). Users should wait for confirmation of the reservation before coming to the facility. At least 30 minutes will be required between appointments on the same instrument. Calendars for use of all instruments can be found online (<https://imaging.as.uky.edu/imaging-scheduling-calendars>).
4. Services may be provided by the A&S Imaging Center staff during Phase 2, depending on availability and ability to maintain social distance.
5. DO NOT come into the Imaging Center if you are not well. If you are coughing, sneezing, or have a fever, stay home. If you have had close exposure to someone with symptoms, self-quarantine.

Procedures to maintain physical distance

1. Only the person who made the reservation may be working in an instrument room (JSB 158c suites). No other personnel should be in the room at the same time.
2. There should not be more than three researchers total in the Imaging Center main lab space (JSB 158). Researchers must maintain at least six feet of distance from anyone else in the room and work within the designated work areas (see blue circles on map). While moving around in the lab, choose a route that will avoid close proximity to others.
3. Users must complete their activities and disinfect the work area promptly, as scheduled.
4. Use of the Imaging Workstation can be accommodated remotely. Contact Center staff regarding details of remote usage.
5. At this time, no in-person new user training will be conducted.

Personal protective equipment

1. Face masks must be worn when there are two or more people in a room. Researchers should bring their own face masks. A limited supply of face masks may be available for purchase, if needed.
2. Gloves should be worn when using common equipment that cannot be disinfected after each use. Researchers are responsible for bringing their own gloves.

Disinfection of work areas

1. When finished in a designated work area, the researcher must disinfect all surfaces in preparation for the next person. Spray all non-electronic equipment and bench surfaces with 70% ethanol and permit to air dry. Microscopes may be sprayed, but halogen light sources and electronic parts may not. There should be spray bottles in each for this purpose. Contact Center staff for additional 70% ethanol or if a sprayer is empty or if you are uncertain about what may be safely disinfected with ethanol.
2. Wash your hands with soap and water before and after working in the Imaging Center. Sinks with soap dispensers are available in the two prep rooms off the main lab (Rm 158).

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