

Guidance for restarting microscopy

Users

1. Only trained users should plan microscopy at this time.
2. For critical experiments of untrained users, it may be possible for the relevant imaging specialist to complete the imaging on their behalf.

Room capacity

1. Only one person is allowed in a microscope room at any time.*
2. Please use the “Laser on” switch to signal when you are in the room and turn it off when you have finished your session and exited the room.
3. Users must finish their slot on time and the next user is to wait at least 30 minutes before entering.
4. Please do not bring bags into the microscope rooms.

Sanitation

Protocols will be posted on the microscope room door and by each instrument.

1. Users must wash their hands before entering the room.
2. Washing hands is the best habit to form, but it is permitted to use a CLEAN pair of gloves when touching the instrument if preferred. Do not use gloves you have handled a sample with or which have been in the lab.

3. Each user must immediately cling film the common surfaces defined on the poster next to the instrument. These include mice, keyboards, eyepieces and focus knobs.
4. Users are responsible for safe practices during their imaging session. These include not touching their face or phone, sanitising or washing hands frequently and anything outlined in the University risk assessment.
5. Users should remove this cling film at the end of their session and immediately sanitise their hands before exiting the room.

Requesting help

1. Users should use the online reporting form to inform CAMDU of any problems, even those which don't require interventions from a member of CAMDU.
2. Users should also phone or email CAMDU for problems requiring immediate support. This will be provided through remote access where possible or an available CAMDU member can enter the room alone.
3. No in-person training will be provided.
4. Please avoid 'dropping in' to CAMDU in *in silico* to help maintain social distancing and low-occupancy in that area.

In silico and image analysis

1. There will be no hotdesking in *in silico*.
2. Work stations will be set up for remote access only. Bookings will be managed via the online booking system.

*The Lattice and DV2 are housed in the same room. Where possible, users should not be in the room at the same time. The lattice can be driven remotely if necessary and this should be discussed with Helena in advance. Where it is not possible (eg. during sample changes), the curtains to DV2 bay should remain closed.

Further details of the points raised here can be found online at warwick.ac.uk/camdu/covidguidelines