NMR Facility access guide for reopening during coronavirus-19 restrictions

To minimize the exposure of NMR Facility users to COVID-19 please observe the following rules/guidelines.

1. All persons entering the NMR Facility must wear a surgical mask while in the Facility, must clean their hands at the entrance hand Sanitizer station, and must wear a full set of the fresh disposable gloves provided at the entrance to the Facility. Clean gloves are provided by the NMR Facility but users must bring their own masks.

2. All use of the NMR instruments, without exception, must be scheduled in advance via the online FACES system and 10 minutes separation must be left between bookings to avoid overcrowding and the 400 and 500 MHz scheduling restrictions remain in effect.

3. Only one person is allowed to be at an NMR instrument at a time and all users must maintain a minimum of 6-foot social distance from other users while in the Facility. So, no more than 3 simultaneous users can occupy the NMR Facility lab space in room 020 and only 1 user can be in room 732 at a time.

4. Keyboards and all touchable surfaces should be very lightly swiped with an alcohol moistened Kimwipe before and after use making sure no liquid alcohol enters a keyboard.

5. Chemicals from hand sanitizers and other sources can contaminate NMR spectra and damage probes. Therefore, NMR sample tubes are to be wiped clean with a Facility provided lightly alcohol moistened disposable Kimwipe, and wiped dry before being introduced into an NMR spinner and the magnet.

6. No infectious or biohazard materials can be brought into the Facility unless appropriate notice is given beforehand, and the exception is cleared by an NMR Facility staff person.

7. Gloves are to be removed and the available hand sanitizer station used while exiting the NMR Facility to help avoid cross contamination at the elevators and exit doors.

8. Training and help requests must be made in advance by email sent to all NMR Facility staff before Tuesday in the that week training is needed. The email Subject Line must read “Training Request” and the Body Text must contain (1) the user’s full name, (2) research group or institutional affiliation, (3) a list of the instruments on which training is needed, (4) explanation of any special experiments or conditions that are needed, and (5) a working cellular telephone number. Trainees must have access to Zoom remote meeting technology and may be required to have NoMachine or TeamViewer program technology available for remote access to the instruments.