

# IAC Guidelines in Response to COVID-19

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## Current Campus Risk Status: High Risk

IAC Operational Status: Level 2 Operations (Phased Resumption of Research for Spring Semester).

The Imaging and Analysis Center (IAC) currently remains open to internal, Princeton-based researchers (*i.e.*, Postdocs, Grad Students, and undergraduates). Additionally, the IAC is open to a limited number of pre-approved outside users who have been granted a limited number of access cards. This is in accordance with the recently enhanced guidelines established by the Office of the Dean of Research. IAC staff is currently available on-site in full capacity to assist users who are in good standing with Princeton University's COVID-19 policy and guidelines (See link's below).

**Updated Measures: Due to the rise of the Omicron COVID-19 variant and the current campus risk status (High Risk), the IAC is implementing the following enhanced social distancing procedures.** (I) The IAC encourages users to limit laboratory density to **a maximum of one user per lab**. For laboratories with multiple instruments, please check the IAC's calendar system to book a tool when the room is vacant. (II) The IAC will be reducing the density of students in our instrument training courses to **a maximum of three users per short course** in general. These measures will help limit the spread of COVID-19 while enabling users to continue their research.

All IAC users are instructed to review the updated guidelines listed below and must continue to abide by these procedures. These proactive measures include enhanced social distancing, recommended occupancy limits (**1 user per lab**), reduced short course density (**3 students per short course**), increased sanitation efforts, and the mandatory wearing of facemasks. Additionally, users must be in good standing with the university's asymptomatic testing policy and vaccination policy. The IAC will continue to monitor the situation and update its users based on the university's COVID-19 policy changes.

COVID-19 Symptoms: Coughing, sneezing, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle aches, difficulty breathing etc.

**Note: Do not visit the IAC if you have experienced symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within the past 14 days. Users with COVID-19 symptoms will be instructed to leave the facility immediately.**

### On-Site IAC Guidelines:

- IAC users must **wear a face covering** at all times.
- IAC users must **wear clean gloves** within the IAC while operating equipment.
- IAC users must **dispose of used gloves** after using IAC equipment.
- IAC users must **remain at least six feet** from other users at all times.
- IAC users must **wash hands for +30 seconds** before and after instrument use.
- IAC users must **avoid person-to-person contact**, including handshakes.
- IAC **encourages one user per laboratory at a time** (min. density of 1 person per 125 ft<sup>2</sup>).
- IAC users should **check the status of individual tools and reserve instrument time and prior to visiting the IAC** using the calendar system.

### Technical Considerations:

- The IAC is holding **instrument training sessions with a reduced number of participants**.
- The IAC encourages users to **limit laboratory density to a maximum of one user**.
- IAC staff continues to remain available on-site for assistance with instrumentation.

### **IAC Sanitation Efforts:**

- The IAC has once again increased sanitation efforts including disinfecting login terminals, doorknobs, keyboards, high-contact surfaces etc. to reduce the spread of the virus.
- IAC users are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and to use it frequently.
- Upon request, the IAC will provide disinfectant for users to sanitize keyboards and surfaces.
- Handwashing guidelines have been posted throughout the IAC – please follow these guidelines.

### **Continuity of IAC Operations:**

- The IAC will attempt to accommodate its users as best as possible during this time. However, due to the rapidly changing status, please feel free to contact the IAC with any questions you have.

### **General University Guidelines:**

- IAC users should constantly monitor and abide by the university's COVID-19 Policy.
  - IAC users who are returning to campus from holiday travel must complete the university's updated policies in accordance with the links below.
- (1) **Campus Risk Status:** Information about the current campus risk status: (<https://covid.princeton.edu/risk-status>).
  - (2) **COVID-19 Information and Resources:** Campus wide resources provided by EHS: (<https://ehs.princeton.edu/health-safety-the-campus-community/covid-19-information-and-resources>).
  - (3) **Student Requirement Page:** Details questions about the university's asymptomatic testing and vaccination policy's: (<https://covid.princeton.edu/vaccinations/student-requirement>).
  - (4) **Princeton's COVID-19 Testing Program:** All Princeton researchers must be in good standing with the IAC's COVID-19 Testing Program: (<https://covid.princeton.edu/testing>).
  - (5) **Princeton's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy:** The University is requiring that students and employees receive a booster, unless exempt. (<https://ehs.princeton.edu/VaccinePolicy>).
  - (6) **Princeton's Face Coverings Policy:** The University is requiring masks in indoor spaces. (<https://ehs.princeton.edu/PolicyFaceCoverings>).
  - (7) **Princeton's Visitor Policy:** Policy for all campus visitors: (<https://ehs.princeton.edu/health-safety-the-campus-community/covid-19-information-and-resources>).
  - (8) **Princeton's Guidance on Events and Gatherings:** The IAC is limiting the density of short courses. (<https://ehs.princeton.edu/Gatherings-Meetings-Events>).
  - (9) **Information of University Contractors and Vendors:** Info for technicians visiting the IAC. (<https://ehs.princeton.edu/health-safety-the-campus-community/covid-19-information-and-resources/information-university-contractors>).

### Additional Campus Resources:

- **Princeton University Emergency Management Website:**  
Link: <https://emergency.princeton.edu/>
- **Teladoc Web Link:**  
Link: <https://member.teladoc.com/princeton>
- **Center for Disease Control:**  
Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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