

### General safety and access information

- Please contact the facility before initiating your experiment to discuss access and timing. We are doing our best to reopen all services but it may take some time before everything will run again smoothly.
- If access to facility labs has been granted (check details below), only the person who has booked the equipment (one equipment = 1 person) is allowed to enter to respect the measure of social distancing. Two meters distance is mandatory.
- Everyone entering facilities must wear gloves, lab coat and a face mask when running the instruments. Gloves will be provided at the entrance of the facility. Users should bring and wear their own lab coat and face mask. Shared lab coats are prohibited. All users are strongly encouraged to bring and wear their own safety glasses (or face shields) for further protection of their eyes against virus transmission.
- Do not touch instruments and computers with bare hands. Before starting to work, clean the workspace including the mouse and the keyboard with a paper towel sprayed with 70% ethanol solution and/or provided special disinfectant towels for computers. Once finished, each user is required to disinfect the area they used including computer keyboards and mice, chairs, pipets (wipe, do not spray directly) and remove their gloves and wash their hands prior to leaving the facility.
- To avoid personal contact, face-to-face user trainings or support will not be provided (please also see platform-specific info below).
- Whenever possible, data analysis should be done remotely, outside the facility.

### Specific information (including contact information) regarding individual platforms

**PTH – Jessica Sordet-Dessimoz** ([jessica.dessimoz@epfl.ch](mailto:jessica.dessimoz@epfl.ch)) Phone: 30739

- User access to the Histology labs and equipment is currently not allowed. However, the platform staff will be available to carry out the different users' requests and there are no restrictions in the offered services for new samples but the delays may be longer than usual. Staff can also perform services, which are usually not offered like paraffin embedding after infiltration.
- One microtome and one cryostat will be available outside the facility for researchers (details to come). Online booking is mandatory. Reservations are only possible for half days and will be validated by the staff. For assistance, users can call the laboratory (30962).
- User training is not currently provided.
- Requests for chemicals, antibodies, paraffin infiltration and advice will be dealt with by email ([info.hcf@epfl.ch](mailto:info.hcf@epfl.ch)) and phone (30962 or 30739), and users can collect these from outside the lab space from a fridge/shelf installed in front of the AI0342 door.

**GECE** – Bastien Mangeat ([bastien.mangeat@epfl.ch](mailto:bastien.mangeat@epfl.ch)) Phone (emergencies): 37113 or 079 752 2086

- The GECE has no dedicated space, all spaces are shared with other core facilities and/or other labs. Special care should therefore be taken by users to maintain the distance of 2 meters when working in these shared spaces.

**PTBIOP** – Arne Seitz ([arne.seitz@epfl.ch](mailto:arne.seitz@epfl.ch)) Phone: 39618

- Online booking is mandatory in order to enter the rooms of the BIOP. In order to guarantee a distance of 2 meters some of the microscopes are booked by the BIOP staff in order to prevent the access. These instruments must not be accessed by users.
- We recommend the use of safety-glasses in order to avoid direct contact with the eye-pieces. Minimize the use of the eye-piece as much as possible. Use the cameras instead.
- Data analysis must be done remotely. On-site access to the BIOP workstations is not possible.
- Face-to-face trainings are not held at the moment. Already trained users can be supported via Zoom. A concept for new users will be made available in the upcoming weeks.

**PTP** – Diego Chiappe ([diego.chiappe@epfl.ch](mailto:diego.chiappe@epfl.ch)) Phone: 31827

- MALDI open access will restart by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Booking will have to be done by email or phone - BBS booking system is not available for the moment. MALDI trainings are currently postponed, please contact PCF staff for any related information.
- Microbalance access and related safety rules are currently more stringent – please contact us in case you need to use it.

**PTPSP** – Florence Pojer ([florence.pojer@epfl.ch](mailto:florence.pojer@epfl.ch)) Phone: 31976 (mobile number 078 909 6349)

- All services and instruments are available for users
- Staff will be present every day to help and advise users if needed (at least 2 persons per day).
- PTPSP open access instruments - The instruments are open to our regular users. The booking system is turned off during this transition to control the flow of users coming to the facility. Simply send us an email to organize reservations.

- For new users, the facility staff will decide on a case-by-case basis if we provide training on services and instruments (It will depend on projects, timelines and staff availabilities).

**PTCF – Miguel Garcia** ([miguel.garcia@epfl.ch](mailto:miguel.garcia@epfl.ch)) Phone: 30901

- Only one sorter will be available during the initial phase (limited staff present on site will only be able to perform one sort at a time).
- Users are not allowed to enter the sorting room. Sorting booking forms and sorting gating strategies must be sent by email before the sorting. Interactions between users and the staff must be done remotely.
- Due to social distancing rules, assistance to users can only be done through Zoom or Skype. Please contact the staff for more information.
- Face-to-face trainings are cancelled. Theoretical trainings are performed through Zoom only.

**Bioinformatics Competence Center (BIOC) – Christian Iseli** ([christian.iseli@epfl.ch](mailto:christian.iseli@epfl.ch))  
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- Bioinformatics support continues to be provided remotely. Please contact the staff for more information.

**PTBTG – Bernard Schneider** ([bernard.schneider@epfl.ch](mailto:bernard.schneider@epfl.ch)) Phone: 39519

- Experimental work at the platform will be restarted in order to prepare vector production to be initiated mid- to end- of May 2020. All the regular services will be provided. However, please note that the delay for vector production could be increased until the platform has recovered full activity. Please contact the staff for more information.

**PTCB – Gerardo Turcatti** ([gerardo.turcatti@epfl.ch](mailto:gerardo.turcatti@epfl.ch)) Phone: 39666

- Certain open access instruments will be available but only upon request by e-mail and subsequent evaluation and validation by the staff.
- The more complex services performed by the staff (i.e. assay development, screens, platings, etc.) will be reinitiated progressively.
- User training is not currently provided.

**PTBIOEM – Graham Knott** ([graham.knott@epfl.ch](mailto:graham.knott@epfl.ch)) Phone: 31862 (mobile number 079 514 6672)

- There is currently no user access to the labs and preparation equipment. However, the platform staff will be available to carry out users' requests and there are no restrictions in the offered services for new samples. However, delays may be longer than usual.
- User training is not currently provided.
- Please contact BioEM staff via email for any chemicals or EM-related consumables. Graham Knott can also be contacted by phone (numbers above) for any EM-related requests or discussions.