

Reopening Plan for the Biobank Core Lab

Samples from suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases

The IBC protocol for the Biobank Core Lab has been amended to accept samples from suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases. Laboratory entrances will be labeled with COVID-19 warning labels. Samples from suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases will be handled according to the latest guidelines (BLS2 enhanced precautions). Only basic sample processing will be done in the Biobank Core Lab. COVID-19 sample processing will be done in Biological Safety Cabinets.

How will you practice social and physical distancing in laboratories and other research environments within your core?

Office personnel:

Alisha Josey and Thomas Mayer share an office: Alisha Josey works in the office in the morning, Thomas Mayer in the afternoon.

Lab personnel:

Lena El-Taha works at the bench in the front of the Biobank Lab

Dora Eugene works at a separate bench in the back of the Biobank Lab

Lab personnel will wear face masks and face shields in addition to regular PPE (gloves and lab coat)

How will you enforce sterilizations of work surfaces and high-touch surfaces?

All work surfaces will be wiped down and sterilized daily with 10% Bleach, Conflikt and 70% Ethanol.

The Biobank Core Lab has implemented cleaning logs to document cleaning and sterilizing of surfaces.

What changes in the schedule need to take place to accommodate disinfection procedures between users?

Not applicable to the Biobank Core Lab.

What changes in your physical space will need to happen to delineate appropriate social distancing measures with users and lab members?

There is sufficient space between the sample drop off location for customers and between the workspace for Lab personnel.

Are there any other ways you can deliver your services to users to maintain social distance?

Sample delivery and sample pickup will be scheduled by email with a 2 hours' notice to maintain social distance.

All Lab personnel will wear appropriate PPE when there is a sample hand off to customers (i.e mask, gloves).

Will you need to post or repost standard operating procedures or instructions for equipment use along with additional hygiene steps?

We will update appropriate SOPs with "additional precautions" related to sample handling/processing.