ATTENTION:

Reopening Policies: TSB-BioBank

The following guidelines are to be followed by all TSB-BioBank clients in TSB-BioBank spaces; TSB-BioBank spaces include WIMR I Room 2058 and WIMR I Room 2052.

NOTE: Access to the TSB-BioBank Cell Culture Room (WIMR I Room 2054) is restricted to TSB-BioBank staff only or with special arrangement.

- All TSB-BioBank services will be limited to those with the following:
  - You must be approved for UW Research Reboot Phase 1 research* and forward that approval to biobank@uwcarbone.wisc.edu prior to BioBank Staff providing services for your research.
  - Those that allow confirmation to the practice of social distancing (e.g., 6 Foot Distance).

* For face-to-face human subjects research approvals see the UW SMPH & UW Health instructions here: https://clinicaltrials.wisc.edu/covid/research-reboot/
For Research Lab approvals see the UW OVCRGE instructions here: https://research.wisc.edu/reboot-phase1/
Applications should specifically list use of the BioBank
Please need to acknowledge that using a core facility increases risk to their employees and to the core facility staff, and that not all service requests can be accommodated under the limitations of Phase 1.

- Access to all TSB-BioBank spaces will be restricted to ONE user at a time; a second user will be allowed in the main TSB-BioBank laboratory space (WIMR I Room 2058) if and only if safe social distancing can be maintained (e.g., a minimum of 6 Foot Distance).

- Equipment Rental is available with the following restrictions:
  - The BioAnalyzer will not be available during phase 1 contact us for use during phase 2.
  - The Cryostats will be available by appointment only; a reservation is required 24 hours in advance and must first be approved by a TSB-BioBank staff member.
    - Cryosectioning of human GI and Respiratory tissue that is known COVID19 positive is not allowed.
    - Only 1 user is allowed at any time within the Cryostat Room (WIMR I Room 2052)
Please see Cryostat User Checklist for more detailed instructions for safe use.

- At a minimum, a face mask is required to be worn at all times; additional PPE is required when working with potentially biohazardous materials (e.g., unfixed human tissues, blood, etcetera)
  - An N95 respirator is required for all work with suspected COVID samples and/or for any unfixed human tissues collected on or after November 1st 2019.
  - When working with potentially biohazardous materials, in addition to an N95 respirator, gloves and a lab coat are also required.

- Sample drop-off/pick-up is by appointment only; the TSB-BioBank specimen receiving window will remain closed at all times, a cart will instead be used for dropping off and/or picking up any samples, kits, etcetera.

- All laboratory surfaces (benchtops, handles, equipment, etcetera) are required to be disinfected with an appropriate disinfectant cleaner (Conflikt Disinfection Spray, 10% Bleach, 70% Ethanol) following use.

Please direct any questions/concerns to the TSB-BioBank Staff

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