

On Monday, June 8, 2020 UMD campus moved into Phase 1, Limited Occupancy Phase. During this period all researchers must work remotely if they are not approved by the deans to be on campus. For more information see <https://return.umd.edu/>

MRC facilities are considered open only to approved UMD researchers with prior MRC training and with strict restrictions in place to limit the number of users. New training on MRC equipment is not available during Phase 1.

Please observe the following rules for your safety and the safety of the entire community:

- Researchers must not come to campus if feeling unwell.
- Researchers must complete the **COVID-19 Employee Symptom Monitoring** and **Employee Building Visitation Log** prior to coming to campus every day <https://return.umd.edu/covid/survey>
- Researchers must not come to campus if living with or caring for someone with COVID 19 or if awaiting a COVID 19 test result.
- In the event that an MRC researcher experiences illness symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they must thoroughly clean the touched surfaces and promptly leave MRC labs and campus. Upon arriving home, the researcher must notify [Ivan Penskiy](#) about the experienced symptoms.
- Researchers must wear face coverings/masks in university buildings. Please bring your own face coverings.
- Researchers must make reservations for the equipment and corresponding room workplace using the [Nanocenter scheduler](#). All reservations must be made at least 2 hours before their start. Reservations have to be extended or canceled to reflect the actual time researchers spend in the lab.
- The number of workplace slots available for reservations is intentionally limited to maintain low occupancy. The current maximum occupancy for MRC labs:
[Brin Family Aerial Robotics Lab](#) (IRB 0108) - maximum 4 people
[Robotics Manipulator Lab](#) (IRB 0116) - maximum 4 people
[Robotics Realization Lab](#) (Eng Annex 0301-0307) - maximum 4 people per room
- Researchers must do their best to maintain physical separation of at least 6 feet apart from each other.
- Researchers can't let their colleagues or friends into the MRC labs. Only authorized users with swipe access and current [Nanocenter scheduler](#) reservation can enter the labs.
- Researchers must practice good hygiene (frequent handwashing) and must clean and disinfect all equipment and common surfaces (desks, workbenches) after using. Each lab has an area with cleaning supplies. Email [Ivan Penskiy](#) if supplies are low or missing.
- Please report any observed negligence of the protocol by MRC researchers to [Ivan Penskiy](#).