Currently MRC facilities are available with limited capacity for authorized researchers provided they observe the [Maryland guidelines](#) within lab space.

*Orientation for new MRC users and training on MRC equipment is available on a limited basis. Please submit your requests to the Lab Manager at [ipenskiy@umd.edu](mailto:ipenskiy@umd.edu).*

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

- Researchers must be cleared to come to campus at [return.umd.edu](http://return.umd.edu) portal.
- Researchers must not come to campus if feeling unwell.
- 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 1 hour 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 6 people
  - Robotics Manipulator Lab (IRB 0116) - maximum 6 people
  - Robotics Realization Lab (Eng Annex 0301-0307) - maximum 6 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](mailto:ivanpenskiy@umd.edu).