

# Shared Equipment Spaces Covid Guidelines

If anyone who uses shared equipment is confirmed COVID positive, please let the [Lab Services Manager](#) know immediately so equipment can be decontaminated and others who may have been exposed can be informed.

Per University requirements, appropriate face coverings are required to be worn at all times unless exempt under medical reasons. Even if a room is a single occupant room, the covering must stay on as these are shared spaces.

**September 2021 TL;DR updates: No occupancy limits, no need for plastic gloves, continue using online scheduler.**

If you see someone in a shared space/common area not wearing a mask, bring them a disposable mask and ask them to either put the mask on or leave the building. If they do not comply, call UWPD's non-emergency number 685-UWPD. Email [David Perkel](#), [Billie Swalla](#), and [Michele Conrad](#) immediately.

## **Disposable mask locations:**

LSB Mailroom

LSB Kitchens

HCK 318 / 320

JHN Mailroom

KIN 150

## [Working safely with disinfectants](#)

### LSB Autoclave Rooms B143 (select labs only) & 330

- Recommended to adhere to the 6-foot social distancing.
- Required: use the new [online scheduler](#) to help prevent accidental run ins.
  - The autoclaves are available in 30-minute blocks, make sure to block out a time long enough to cover your entire run. For example, if running a 20-minute wet cycle, you'll need at least 45 minutes to complete the run, so choose two 30-minute blocks.
  - If can't use the equipment during the time you reserved, please cancel it online so someone else can take the time.
- Look inside the rooms prior to entering to confirm space is available.
- Other standard autoclave use rules still apply.

- **Do not spray any kind of disinfectant on the equipment directly as it can damage the equipment. Spray disinfectant on a paper towel and then wipe over equipment but do not saturate the paper towel to the point where it will leave residue on equipment.**

## LSB Shared Resources & Equipment

- Required: use the new [online scheduler](#) .
- Lab equipment (excluding hoods and water purification systems) will have time blocks available of different lengths that you can reserve the equipment for. Sign up for the time you need but do not go longer than needed so others can use the equipment.
  - If can't use the equipment during the time you reserved, please cancel it online so someone else can take the time.
- **Do not spray any kind of disinfectant on the equipment directly as it can damage the equipment. Spray disinfectant on a paper towel and then wipe over equipment but do not saturate the paper towel to the point where it will leave residue on equipment.**

## Growth Chambers

- Recommended to adhere to a 6-foot distance separation.
- After entering or leaving a room, it is highly recommended that users wash or sterilize their hands due to high frequency of contact with door handles.
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## HCK / JHN Autoclaves

- The HCK and JHN autoclaves are low-use and not on the online scheduler.
- Other standard autoclave use rules still apply.
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## HCK Chambers

- There is only one user of the HCK Chambers. All others should stay out of this area.