

## VBCF Advanced Microscopy

Until further notice it should be considered that there is in general **no physical access for non-facility-staff to the VBCF Advanced Microscopy lab or office**. So please do not attempt to “just drop by” (even just to pick up data).

All communications (regarding both running and new projects, data transfer/analysis requirements, etc.) should be directed to [advmicro@vbcf.ac.at](mailto:advmicro@vbcf.ac.at) or the facility head directly by email ([kareem.elsayad@vbcf.ac.at](mailto:kareem.elsayad@vbcf.ac.at)).

Starting this week, access may be granted to experienced users, but this must be arranged and agreed with the facility head on a case per case basis, and can only occur when no one else is present (at the time and 30 min before and after). Over the next few weeks we hope to lighten these restrictions in line with institutional and national policies such that also new users can receive virtual assisted training/imaging by appointment.

While we continue performing experiments and data analysis projects for users, due to the current restrictions be aware that these may take longer and take this into consideration when planning.

Drop off and pick up of samples must be arranged on a case by case basis and are again by appointment only. These should be organized via the facility head.

### *General lab rules:*

Only one person can be in the VBCF Advanced Microscopy lab at a time (including facility staff) with a minimum of 30 min between people.

In the optics lab and microscope rooms, face masks and disposable gloves must be worn at all times.

Microscope eye pieces and any knobs (for focusing or motor stages etc.), laser glasses (when applicable) as well as door handles, will be disinfected with the provided ethanol before and after each session.

Data analysis and processing should be done remotely (from home on personal computer or via remote connection to lab computer) whenever possible.

For further or specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the links on our website.