



**ATTENTION ALL PMFlow USERS: Things you need to know about PMFlow Research Restart JUNE 1, 2020**

<p><b>Situation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In alignment with the Government of Ontario’s phased approach for relaxing its emergency measures, PMFlow core will re-open under Phase 1 of the phased return to research. Phase 1 begins June 1, 2020 with 25% maximum staff density implemented. Calendar bookings will be opened for reservations on May 28, 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background</b></p>	<p>The initial phase (“Phase 1”) of returning to work on June 1, 2020, at UHN will look like a ‘new normal” in PM Flow Core and incorporated common elements of the general restart guidance, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Requirement for masking and donning of appropriate PPE (gloves and personal labcoats)</li> <li>➤ Maintenance of physical distancing measures (minimal 2m)</li> <li>➤ Minimizing traffic</li> <li>➤ Cleaning of instruments and surfaces after use and between shifts</li> <li>➤ Increased Handwashing (entering and exiting of shared facilities)</li> <li>➤ Authorization of instrument bookings on Booking calendar to ensure equal access</li> <li>➤ Initially 1 operator on site at each mandated shift for sorts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment</b></p>	<p>In order to meet the Phase 1 restrictions in the PM Flow facility the following measures have been implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Users wishing to access Analytical flow cytometers during Phase 1 will be able to reserve instruments using the booking calendar but these bookings will require secondary facility authorization for confirmation.</li> <li>➤ Users requiring access to core facilities must have an approved research restart plan in place or essential research approval.</li> <li>➤ Booking calendars will be available starting May 28, 2020. Instruments in close proximity will be automatically mutually excluded from booking in order to ensure appropriate physical distancing is maintained.</li> <li>➤ Sorts will be booked as always, through facility staff. Please, send an email to <a href="mailto:PMflow@uhnresearch.ca">PMflow@uhnresearch.ca</a> with details and requirements.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Assisted acquisitions and training are suspended until further notice. We will offer full service acquisitions to support your research needs.</li> <li>➤ Use of instruments without booking, or research approvals will be severely penalized including 5X charges applied and reporting to the Directorship.</li> <li>➤ We are working to increase our space requirements to ensure physical distancing in order to provide users access to all instruments as necessary. We will also increase operator availability as demand increases during phase 1. Please, stay tuned for space and relocation updates.</li> </ul>
<p><b>R</b>ecommend ation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Familiarize yourself with your new safety and cleaning responsibilities as listed in the PMFlow Research Restart Plan (<a href="#">Research Restart Plan-PMFlow.pdf</a>).</li> <li>➤ External clients should contact <a href="mailto:PMflow@uhnresearch.ca">PMflow@uhnresearch.ca</a> to consult with staff regarding bookings and building access issues.</li> <li>➤ Lead investigators are encouraged to contact Arda Shahinian (Manager, PM Flow) at <a href="mailto:arda.shahinian@uhnresearch.ca">arda.shahinian@uhnresearch.ca</a> to discuss priority work needs and accommodation.</li> <li>➤ Visit our website at <a href="http://www.pmflow.ca">www.pmflow.ca</a> for information specific to PMFlow Facility service during Phase 1 of research restart.</li> <li>➤ If you have any questions, or concerns please contact <a href="mailto:PMFLOW@uhnresearch.ca">PMFLOW@uhnresearch.ca</a> and we will respond to you directly with the information you require.</li> <li>➤ Please keep yourself informed about COVID-related cancellation/ closures at UHN by bookmarking the following site and consulting it regularly: <a href="https://www.uhn.ca/Covid19/Pages/COVID_cancellations_changes.aspx">https://www.uhn.ca/Covid19/Pages/COVID_cancellations_changes.aspx</a></li> <li>➤ Please do your part to limit the spread of Covid-19 by washing your hands regularly and exercising the appropriate social distancing measures to keep everyone safe.</li> </ul>