Rules for Operating Lighthouse Core Facility Equipment During the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic

- In agreement with government guidelines with regard to enclosed public spaces, we ask that all users wear masks while working within the rooms of the Lighthouse Core Facility (see details below).
- Only registered (and experienced) users are allowed to use our equipment.
- A minimum distance of 1.5 meters between users must be maintained all times.
- Each machine may be used by only one user at a time. Exceptions are given for two people working together from the same lab.
- Disinfectant is located in every bay of the main lab, and in every imaging room, and we urge you to use it to disinfect the computer keyboard, mouse and equipment controls before using the equipment.
- Users who are SARS-CoV-2 positive or otherwise sick are not allowed to access the facility even if they appear to have only mild cold-like or other similar symptoms.

1. Important hygiene measures upon entering the Lighthouse Core Facility
- At the main entrance of lab 009: Wash or disinfect your hands!
- All users have to wear fresh gloves! So put gloves on, if you need replacements you can find them in the room on the table (size M only; other sizes next to the entrance).
- Try not to touch bare surfaces with bare hands (i.e. door handles).
- All users from labs at ZTZ have to bring their own fresh lab coats. Users from outside of ZTZ please use a fresh coat provided by the Lighthouse Core Facility. Put the coat on while entering the facility. Take your own coat with you after your session, for repeated coat usage ask the Lighthouse staff on site. Lab coats provided by Lighthouse Core Facility have to be left at the end of your session in the laundry bag beside the lab’s main entrance or at the Lighthouse lockers!
- All users must bring a personal or single-use face mask with them! If you have forgotten them, the Lighthouse Core Facility currently has no face masks available and you are not allowed to work!

2. Additional important hygiene measures in the microscope rooms
- All users must bring eye protecting safety goggles and a personal or single-use face mask with them! If you forget them, you are not allowed to work!
- Never work without gloves, if you need replacements you can find them in the room on the table (size M only; other sizes next to the entrance).
- The eyepieces and ocular tubus should be disinfected with the provided solution both before and after you use the microscope.
- For your own protection we recommend to cover the eyepieces and ocular tubes with new plastic wrap (cling film / Frischhaltefolie, available on the lab bench) while using the system.
- More instructions for the end of your session are located within each microscope room.

Detailed illustrated descriptions on “How to wrap” the equipment will be hanging in each of the microscope rooms.

Note: If the user before you left plastic wrap on the microscope, you still have to exchange it before your session.

3. Important hygiene measures when leaving the Lighthouse Core Facility Area
- Last step at the main exit of lab 009: Take off the lab coat, leave ours in the laundry bag, take yours with you. Take off your gloves carefully, throw them into trash, and wash your hands or use the hand disinfectant.

These measures are valid until further notice.