

June 1, 2021

Dear TRIUMF Users,

### **Guidance for International Users of TRIUMF for forthcoming beam schedules**

When Beam Schedule 140 was released in March we promised to provide an update by June 1<sup>st</sup> on the situation with cross-border travel, and to issue guidance for planning experiments involving international users.

We are following all federal and provincial regulations relating to COVID-19 measures. At the present time, as was the case in March, international visitors to Canada must be considered *essential travelers*, submit proof of a negative pre-entry COVID-19 test, and undergo a 14-day quarantine upon entry. For visitors arriving at Vancouver International Airport, 3 of these days must be at a government-authorized quarantine hotel in the vicinity of the airport. Details of the requirements can be found at the following links:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/visitors-workers-students>

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/isolation#quarantine>

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/flying-canada-checklist>

We are allowing international users to come to TRIUMF providing they abide by these regulations, as well as TRIUMF's site access protocols, which can be found here:

[https://www.triumf.ca/sites/default/files/Visitors-C19\\_OnePager\\_5.pdf](https://www.triumf.ca/sites/default/files/Visitors-C19_OnePager_5.pdf). Note that as on-site occupancy limits are still in place, users should bring the minimum number of personnel required to operate the experiment safely, and we encourage the inclusion of local personnel and remote running of shifts where possible. If in doubt about these boundary conditions, please contact the local Facility Coordinator for the device you are running on.

This guidance will be in place until restrictions ease, and we will inform users immediately as soon as the situation changes.

### **Quarantine Accommodation**

Users will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. We have dedicated a block of rooms at TRIUMF House, each with in-room kitchen facilities, suitable for this purpose. TRIUMF House staff will be on hand to ensure all necessary deliveries are directed to the appropriate rooms. For more information about TRIUMF House accommodations, please contact [housing@triumf.ca](mailto:housing@triumf.ca). In addition, UBC also offers accommodations available for quarantine, with further information available at <https://suitesatubc.com>. Alternatively, users

may arrange private or commercial accommodations, such as certain AirBnB listings or hotels, for quarantining purposes.

### **Essential Travel**

Physical Sciences Division will provide a letter to each international user on the beam schedule outlining the nature of scientific work at TRIUMF, with an aim to emphasizing the essential nature of the travel. Please make sure to enquire about this letter with the Physical Sciences Division Administrative Assistant, Allayne McGowan ([sciencediv@triumf.ca](mailto:sciencediv@triumf.ca)).

### **ISAC Users**

The call for requests for ISAC beam time for Schedule 141 in the Fall will be issued in mid-July, at which time there may be updated guidance on international travel. For the remainder of the current Schedule 140, experiments requiring the presence of international users have been *provisionally* scheduled. Those users will be contacted individually by Chris Ruiz and asked whether they wish to take that beam time, given the travel conditions. If international users choose not to take the beam time the experiments will be replaced by experiments requiring only local users. Note that domestic users, i.e. those traveling from within Canada, are considered to be performing *essential* travel for work and are exempt from quarantine requirements upon entry to BC.

### **CMMS Users**

The MMS-EEC will meet June 21 and 22. The call for requests for  $\mu$ SR and  $\beta$ NMR beam time in the remainder of Schedule 140 (summer 2021) and Schedule 141 (fall 2021) will be July 7, 2021. We are anticipating that international users will continue to run remotely with assistance from CMMS staff and local collaborators. We request that users include information in the beam request about their plans for remote running, especially their plans to collaborate with local staff or users.

### **PIF & NIF Users**

International users should contact the PIF & NIF Coordinators directly (Camille B.-Champagne, [cbchampagne@triumf.ca](mailto:cbchampagne@triumf.ca) or Michael Trinczek, [trinczek@triumf.ca](mailto:trinczek@triumf.ca)) to discuss what is possible for their specific beam times.

As previously stated, we cannot yet say with any certainty when border restrictions and quarantine regulations will change. However, we do know that the restrictions are currently in place until at least 21<sup>st</sup> June. When they change, we will immediately inform users.



With public health restrictions beginning to ease, we are looking forward to once again supporting an exciting and fruitful international user science program – all in a manner that prioritizes the safety of our community.

If you have any questions or concern please contact either Chris Ruiz for the ISAC program ([ruiz@triumf.ca](mailto:ruiz@triumf.ca)), Iain McKenzie for the CMMS program ([iainmckenzie@triumf.ca](mailto:iainmckenzie@triumf.ca)) or Michael Trinczek for the PIF & NIF program ([trinczek@triumf.ca](mailto:trinczek@triumf.ca)).

Best wishes,

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