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Dear MCN Users-

I hope you're all doing well. Below is just a quick general update on facility operations as we head into the holiday break.

Best wishes,

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Annual University Holiday shutdown

From **December 20th to January 4th** the MCN facility will be unstaffed. Cleanroom instrumentation will be brought down or to an idle state. Check ACLS for individual tool availability. No user activity in cleanrooms is permitted during this period. Access to wet laboratories will be permitted for low risk and critical activity such as maintenance of live cultures. Users seeking facility access during this time must clear activity with the Facility Manager, **Michael Imsic**.



***NEW* MCN Private Industry Lab — now seeking EOIs**

Attention startups and SMEs, MCN is now offering an option for the leasing of a small (approx. 30sqm) private laboratory, an initiative aimed at hosting translational activities leveraging a broad spectrum of MCN capability. See [here](#) for more details.



From the roof of the MCN

Construction works: Moderna mRNA facility

- Construction of Moderna's mRNA production facility has commenced with completion planned for late 2023 or early 2024.
- The facility is expected to produce 100+ million doses of vaccine each year and play host to significant research activities.
- **During periods of heavy construction, some of MCN's more sensitive instrumentation (e.g. EBL, AFM, SEM etc.) may be affected.** MCN management is working closely with the builders to try and proactively identify "noisier" periods in the construction process so that we can give you, the users, a heads up.
- **We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this period and ask for your vigilance in reporting any/all performance issues on MCN tooling.** If you have any particular concerns please reach out.
- In April/May 2023 there will be some additional works to separate existing services (electricity, gas and water), between MCN and Moderna. We are working to minimise the impact of these works but temporary disruption to MCN services/access may occur.



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