

NSLS-II Status Summary for Users

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Current Status

Brookhaven Lab is currently operating in Phase 2, “Expansion of Limited Operations,” which began on July 6, 2020. The most up-to-date details on the Lab’s status can be found on the Laboratory’s [Resumption of Operations website](#).

BNL COVID-19 vaccination and face covering policies

All NSLS-II guests and users coming onsite at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) are required to provide proof of vaccination or proof of exemption from the vaccine requirement from your home institution. Those with proof of exemption will also be required to provide proof of weekly COVID-19 testing while on site. This is in accordance with federal mandate and requirement under Brookhaven Science Associates’ prime contract. To manage this new requirement, **we ask that all guests and users arrive at BNL Monday through Friday (unless a holiday) between 7:30 AM and 3 PM.** If you **MUST** arrive outside of these hours, requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and you must contact Kathleen Nasta at nasta@bnl.gov or 631-344-7114 at least one week in advance of your arrival.

Please keep in mind that everyone on the Brookhaven Lab site—regardless of vaccination status—must also wear a face covering and socially distance while in Lab buildings.

Please refer to BNL’s web page on the [COVID-19 vaccination policy](#) and the [use of face coverings](#) for more details.

Change in Multifactor Authentication for NSLS-II computers

As part of the ongoing effort to maintain a secure computer environment at BNL, access to all NSLS-II computers now requires two factor authentication (2FA). To log onto a NSLS-II system, you will need to use both your password and respond to a “push” from BNLs’ Duo service.

On January 8, 2022, NSLS-II will transition from using the Commercial to the Federal version of Duo. We are making this change to be compliant with DOE rules regarding the use of cloud computing providers and to make the NSLS-II more secure.

To be able to access computers after January 8th, you will need to be enrolled in the Federal version of Duo. To do this please follow the following link: <https://duo-fed-enroll.bnl.gov>.

If you are already enrolled in Duo, you will not need to download a new app for your phone but will need to follow the instructions in the link above. If you have questions or need help, please contact BNL’s Helpdesk at itdhelp@bnl.gov or +1-631-344-5522.

If you would like to receive notification e-mails about the NSLS-II computer systems, you can sign up for our notifications by e-mail using the following link: <https://lists.bnl.gov/mailman/listinfo/nsls2-computing-notifications-l>.

January - April (2022-1) operations cycle

User operations for the January - April (2022-1) cycle will be like the 2021-3 cycle. The primary focus is the allocation of highly rated remote experiments. Up to 15 users per beamline will be permitted on-site during the 2022-1 cycle. Additional on-site users are at the discretion of the facility management. Further details on allocation guidance and on-site user access for the 2022-1 cycle can be found on the [NSLS-II COVID-19 User Resources site](#).

User appointments and training

A reminder that all users participating in experiments at NSLS-II must have a guest appointment and complete required training. This includes on-site users, remote users, and users mailing samples to beamline staff. New users or users with expiring appointments should register online at the [BNL Guest User Visitor \(GUV\)](#) website. For remote users, Cybersecurity and the Computer Use Agreement are the only two online training modules required. You can refer to the [NSLS-II User Guide](#) for details and access to all training modules.

Travel and arrival guidance for on-site users

On-site users must follow all BNL, New York State, and Federal travel guidelines. Travel guidelines, including the list of countries where travel to the US is prohibited, can be found [on the CDC website](#). For the first visit every cycle, on-site users must arrive at BNL during normal business hours and check in at the Occupational Medical Clinic (OMC) in [Bldg 490](#) and Guest, User, Visitor (GUV) Center in [Bldg 400](#). Any user not approved to be on-site will be asked to leave BNL.

On-site user attire

Visitors to the NSLS-II experimental floor must wear long pants/skirts and flat, closed-toe shoes when on the experimental floor. Access will be restricted if proper attire is not worn.

ORCID iD

NSLS-II is now requiring users to enter their ORCID iD persistent digital identifier as part of the guest registration process. If you do not already have an ORCID iD, please sign up for one by going to the [ORCID website](#).