

COVID-19 Safety Precautions for Compound Microscope Use

Sanitizing: Wash your hands before you touch the microscope and after you are done using and cleaning it as outlined below.

Before & after using the microscope use an alcohol wipe to clean the following parts:

- Power button
- Light switch
- Coarse and fine focus knobs
- Around the eye pieces – but DO NOT clean any glass surfaces or lenses.
- Stage adjustment knob
- Reseal the alcohol wipe package so they do not dry out.

When using the microscope:

- Take a new piece of plastic wrap to cover the eye pieces for viewing.
- When finished using the microscope, repeat the same procedure for cleaning the touch points mentioned above.
- Due to safety protocols, students should not share microscopes.
- Dispose of any coverslips at the end of lab in the glass disposal box on the side counter.