Social distancing in laboratories and workshops

Where possible, consider temporarily ceasing laboratory or other facility-based research work and focus on alternatives that can be carried out remotely. If any practical laboratory work continues, social distancing must be implemented. For safety purposes avoid working alone - staff and students must be supported by a supervisor/local technical manager/colleagues.

When working, observe the following protocols:

- Wash hands on arrival, departure and twice every hour
- Assign individual bench spaces to ensure 1.5m distance between workers
- Mark the floor and bench with 1.5m distance marking
- Decontaminate laboratory bench before and after work or each hour whilst work is being undertaken
- Only one person can use equipment at a time
- Maintain a ratio of 4m² of floor-space per person.