

The observatory is open to all individuals, regardless of association with the University of Rochester, subject to restrictions that will persist for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Groups associated with regular ASTR classes may visit with instructor approval; other groups should seek department approval.

All visitors must abide by the following rules.

1. Regardless of vaccination status, all in attendance must obey all University-mandated COVID-19 protocols, including **wearing face coverings (N95, KN95, or well-fitting surgical mask) while indoors at all times, and practicing social distancing to the greatest extent possible**. No one who has an internal temperature over 100.4°F, or who has been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days, is allowed on observatory grounds. **Individuals who are not vaccinated must wear face coverings at all times.**
2. Each user of the telescope who prefers to use paper copies of the telescope/camera cookbooks must bring their own: no sharing allowed. The online versions are accessible electronically within the dome. We strongly encourage observers to use these online versions on their personal electronic devices. (We forbid the sharing of those as well.)
3. No overnight stays on the grounds are allowed for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. No food or drink allowed within either the dome or Gannett House.
5. The size of groups allowed to visit is limited to 20.
6. All University COVID-19 protocols also apply for traveling to Mees.
7. Larger numbers of socially-distanced observers can be accommodated remotely using the workstation and fast internet connection of the undergraduate astronomy lab, B&L 203H. Such observers are welcome to mirror the workstation's display to the large wall-mounted display, the better to maintain distance from those not currently at the keyboard. Observers in B&L 203H must also abide by item 1 above.
8. The storage room B&L 203I is off limits to all but the instructors.