

SOP for using Vacuum aspirator

1. Turn the vacuum pump on only when you want to use the aspirator. Please keep the pump off when not in use
2. After using the vacuum aspirator, aspirate with 70% alcohol or 10% bleach to clean the tubing, and then aspirate with H₂O
3. The collecting bottle needs to be emptied and cleaned **weekly**. Never overfill the bottle. **If the liquid reaches 2/3 of full bottle volume, clean it right way.** To clean, add ample 10% bleach (approximately 200 ml) to the bottle, wait 20 min then pour down sink
4. After emptying and cleaning the bottle, add ~50mL of 10% bleach to the bottle to prevent microbial growth
5. Users that do not follow the above rules will receive a warning email. Second-time offenders will receive a warning email including their PI. The third-time offenders will be responsible for fixing or replacing the vacuum aspiration system if it gets damaged or broken