



COVID-19 NIH Extramural Administrative Response

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Medical Research Is Locked Down, Too

Clinical trials grind to a halt as patients are told to stay home and research personnel are redeployed.

By *Kevin Sheth*

May 4, 2020 5:58 pm ET

I lead clinical trials for medications to treat crippling disorders such as stroke and brain hemorrhages. During the past few months, every one of these studies has come to a grin halt. The pandemic has thrown clinical trials, the lifeblood of new treatments, into disar

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Covid-19 has shuttered scientific labs. It could put a generation of researchers at risk

By Justin Chen

May 4, 2020



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Effects of COVID-19 on the Federal Research and Development Enterprise

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Extensive Disruption

- Laboratories closed or nearly so
- Communications suboptimal
- Conferences and meetings cancelled or disrupted
- Supply chains interrupted; resources lost
- Widespread financial losses
- Required telework has disparate effects (e.g. childcare)
- Anxiety high, especially for early career investigators

<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46309>

Pharmaceutical & Life Sciences News



Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, testifies during a Senate panel hearing on May 7, 2020.

Photographer: Andrew Harnik/AP Photo/Bloomberg

Virus Will Cost NIH \$10 Billion in Lost Research, Director Warns (1)

May 7, 2020, 1:35 PM; Updated: May 7, 2020, 3:22 PM

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- NIH's Collins testifies before Senate health panel on testing
- \$10 billion in lost research due to lost productivity, employment costs



Jeannie Baumann
Reporter



Flexibilities and Accommodations



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MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Margaret Weichert
Deputy Director of Management

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Margaret Weichert".

SUBJECT: Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations

NIH is Open for Business

- Extramural staff are working remotely
- We continue to process applications and make awards
- We are conducting peer review meetings virtually
 - Since March 16: 520 meetings, average 9 meetings / day
- We are working diligently to provide funding opportunities to support COVID-19 research

Accommodations and Flexibilities

- Application deadlines
- Donating research supplies
- Salaries and stipends
- Human subject research, clinical trials
- Animal research, guidance to IACUCs
- Extensions on reporting; flexibility on expenditures
- Accommodations for loss of time

Advice for Applicants & Recipients

- For general questions regarding COVID -19 flexibilities, contact NIH's Office of Extramural Research at grantspolicy@nih.gov
- For questions specific to your NIH award, contact the grants management or program staff at the funding institute or center



FAQs frequently updated. Check back often!

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/natural-disasters/corona-virus.htm>

Closing Thoughts

- Unprecedented stresses
- Concerns about impact on workforce
- Lost productivity and resources
- OMB administrative flexibilities, accommodations
- Continuing receipt, review, issuance of awards
- Follow developments and FAQs at our web site