

Overview: COVID-19 and NIH Funding

The NIH Has a Website with Detailed Notes About Research Changes:

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters/corona-virus.htm

It will be continually updated based on current information and investigator feedback.

The current topics on the website include:

- Proposal Submission and Award Management
- Human Subjects and Clinical Trials
- Animal Welfare
- Peer Review
- **FAQs**
- Funding Opportunities Specific to COVID-19
- Other Resources

WATCH THIS (8:38) NIH VIDEO summarizing the information on their website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLmBi5wvifk&feature=youtu.be>

Cliff Notes Version of the video

Application Deadlines:

- You may submit your application late without pre-approval
 - In lieu of pre-approval, submit a **brief cover letter** describing why the application is late. (NIH will be accommodating about the reason)

Report Deadlines:

- You may submit your reports* late
 - Notify grants management that you will be late
 - * This applies to progress, budget, final, closeout, and audit reports

Budgeting:

- Re-budgeting is permitted as long as it remains consistent with the scope of your project
- No pre-approval is required for re-budgeting unobligated balances,
- You may carry unobligated balances over

Salaries and Staffing:

- You may charge NIH grants for salaries and trainee stipends even if personnel/trainee are unable to work right now

Administrative Supplements:

- NIH knows that the research pause will throw timelines and budgets into disarray and will be releasing opportunities to request supplemental funds to help with shortfalls

Travel

- You can charge cancellation fees for meetings, hotel registrations against NIH grants

Peer Review

- NIH peer review being conducted remotely through the next review cycle

Human Subjects

- Work with your IRB to determine what changes do and do not require IRB approval
- Emory's guidance: <http://www.irb.emory.edu/documents/guidance-Covid-19.pdf>

Animal Research

- NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare conducted webinar on Pandemic Contingency Planning
 - Link: <https://olaw.nih.gov/education/educational-resources/webinar-2020-03-19.htm>

Detailed NIH Guide Notices:

- “General FAQs-Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19”
 - Link: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-083.html>
- “Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19”
 - Link: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-086.html>
- “Guidance for NIH Funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19”
 - Link: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-087.html>
- “NIH LATE APPLICATION Policy due to Public Health Emergency for United States for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)”
 - Link: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-082.html>