

Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 Related Research Recovery Resources, June 2021

1. Where can I find COVID-19 related information regarding NIH grants and funding?

The [NIH central resource for grants and funding information](#) created a webpage titled [“Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\): Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding.”](#)

Examples of resources on this page include:

- Guidance for early stage investigators (ESI)
 - Information regarding training and eligibility extensions for ESI
 - Information to assist potential awardees with preparing applications during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Guidance related to human participants and clinical trials
- Guidance and contingency plans for animal welfare amid COVID-19
- Information on updates to the peer review process
- [Frequently asked questions](#) about COVID-19 flexibilities for applicants and awardees

2. How did the White House [Office of Management and Budget](#) (OMB) inform the NIH COVID-19 related research guidance?

NIH has developed [guidance](#) to implement the [OMB Memorandum M-20-26](#) “Extension of Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations” dated June 18, 2020. Other [OMB memoranda](#) related to COVID-19 funding flexibilities are also available for review.

3. How will the NIH evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on the public health research enterprise?

In October 2020, the [NIH fielded two surveys to measure COVID-19 impact](#) on extramural researchers and institutions. [Findings](#) from the survey are now available. An [infographic](#) was created to highlight and easily convey these findings.

4. How is NIH supporting trainees and addressing the impact of COVID-19 on their career paths?

NIH's Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE) developed a workshop titled ["Supporting Yourself and Your Trainees During the Coronavirus Pandemic."](#)

- A recording of the workshop can be found [here](#).

5. Where can I find information on the convergence of the COVID-19 and HIV pandemics?

- Publications related to the COVID-19 and HIV pandemics shed light on opportunities to create synergy between both research areas for scientific advancement.
 - [Human Immunodeficiency Virus/AIDS in the Era of Coronavirus Disease 2019: A Juxtaposition of 2 Pandemics](#) (Eisinger, Lerner, Fauci)
 - Authors discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted people affected by HIV as well as how the COVID-19 and HIV pandemics require an unprecedented coordinated and collaborative global effort of scientists, industry, and community partners to accelerate the implementation of evidence-based interventions into real world settings.
 - [COVID/HIV Co-Infection: A Syndemic Perspective on What to Ask and How to Answer](#) (Gesese, et al.)
 - This commentary explores a shared research agenda for addressing the HIV and COVID-19 pandemics through a syndemic approach.
 - [Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on clinical research](#) (Tuttle KR)
 - This is an individual account by a clinical investigator on the adjustments made in their institution to continue clinical research during the pandemic.

6. Where can I find clinical guidance regarding COVID-19 and HIV?

- [Interim clinical guidance for COVID-19 and Persons with HIV](#) is reviewed and updated continuously by the HIV Clinical Guidelines Working Groups of the NIH Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.
- The NIH maintains [COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#) and the CDC maintains [Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#). These pages have links for further clinical resources.

7. Who can I contact for more information about COVID-19 and HIV?

- Please [contact OAR](#) and direct queries to the COVID-19 and HIV Taskforce
 - E-mail: OARinfo@nih.gov
 - Phone: 1-301-496-0357