

**FAQS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**

Can research-related spaces and laboratories continue operating?

Yes, on-site research is ongoing at this time. The principal investigator(s) and their teams should be following CDC-recommended good hygiene practices*.

Can research group meetings continue to take place?

Yes, in-person lab and/or group meetings and other similar gatherings of research personnel are acceptable if critical to the research mission. They should follow CDC-recommended good hygiene practices, which include social distancing*, as much as possible. Other options, such as Skype or Zoom, can also be used.

Will the Office of Research Administration (ORA) be open and available for proposal submissions and related business?

Yes. ORA is available at this time; any change in status will be communicated to the research community.

Will Federal Agencies be accepting late proposal submissions and making other adjustments to accommodate the current situation?

Some federal funding agencies and national organizations have begun posting guidance on mitigating the impacts to research. This may include changes to deadlines and/or policies for late submissions. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will keep this website updated as additional information becomes available, <http://research.ouhsc.edu>

Will other research-related administration functions in the Office of the Vice President for Research} be available?

Yes, services from the Office of Technology Commercialization, Office of Export Control, Human Research Participant Protection Program (Institutional Review Board), Animal Care and Use Program (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Office of Animal Welfare Assurance, Division of Comparative Medicine), and others, are available; any change in status will be communicated to the research community.

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*CDC-recommended good hygiene practices, including social distancing, is defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control [here](#). Generally, the CDC states that disease transmission is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.