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NIH COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR APPLICANTS AND GRANTEES

Guidance for various aspects of research and grant application processes, as well as FAQs and COVID-19 funding opportunities can be found [here](#).

FAQ DOCUMENT ON COVID-19 FLEXIBILITIES

Policies and programs affecting the grants process can be found [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

A list of active and expired funding opportunities across NIH related to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 research can be found [here](#).

HHS COVID-19 AWARDS TRACKING WEBSITE

The HHS COVID-19 award tracking website, including data on awards made by all HHS awarding agencies with supplemental appropriations, can be found [here](#).

NIH COVID-19 RESEARCH WEBSITE

A new website provides a central location for trusted, up-to-date, accurate information about research and the NIH's strategic role in COVID-19 research. Read more [here](#).

OVERDOSE DEATHS RISE AS US DEALS WITH COVID

New preliminary data for January 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed a continued rise of drug overdose deaths as the nation was simultaneously coping with the spread of COVID-19 variants. Read more [here](#).

AS STIMULANT USE INCREASES PARALLELS TO OPIOID CRISIS SEEN

According to a new study in BMJ Open, the number of adults who used two widely prescribed stimulants nearly doubled over a recent five-year period, raising concerns about a potential wave of abuse since both medicines can be highly addictive. Read more [here](#).

CBD STUDIED FOR BURNOUT

According to a recent JAMA study, CBD helped reduce symptoms of burnout and emotional exhaustion in healthcare professionals treating Covid patients at a hospital in Brazil. Read more [here](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF LEGALIZATION ARE MIXED

Cannabis use has gone up as attitudes towards the drug have shifted in the U.S. At the same time, the public health impacts of increased cannabis use are mixed, found a recent study published in Neuropharmacology. Read more [here](#).