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Dear NCCIH Grantees, (Business Office copy)

We know that you may have to **re-evaluate your ability to conduct your research** on your currently funded research project.

We understand that **for many of you this will mean you need additional flexibilities and/or resources** over time in order to achieve success. We also understand that a one-size-fits-all approach towards providing you with these resources will not be the answer. In cooperation with our colleagues across NIH, we are developing a **variety of diverse mechanisms** and we hope will address your unique research and program needs. We have announced (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural-sciences/coronavirus.htm>), please check this web page often for updates. While others are still in development, we are exploring several approaches that will best help you accomplish the goals of your currently funded research project. This will depend upon your specific situation. Over the next several months, NCCIH staff, including our program directors and clinical and regulatory affairs team, will be available to discuss your challenges and help you determine the approach that will work best for you.

We have already received a number of inquiries regarding administrative supplements, and the tools that we have to address such needs are limited. While we will be reviewing administrative supplements when absolutely necessary, this is a challenge for many of our grant programs. In the next 2-3 months may be premature. We therefore **recommend that you not be submitting COVID-19-related administrative supplement requests until the full extent of your research is clear**, you have had a chance to discuss the various options with the relevant NCCIH staff, and it is determined that an administrative supplement is the best option for your project.

There are two possible exceptions to this recommendation:

- supplements that will allow investigators to address questions of direct relevance to the COVID-19 pandemic
- supplements to existing projects that are needed to address programmatic needs over the next 3 months

Investigators who believe they meet these exceptions should raise these issues with their program directors prior to submitting their requests. Unless otherwise specified, the deadline for requests is due by May 1, 2020. Finally, for those with grants that will end in the next few months, investigators should work with their institutions to process an no-cost extension initially, and NCCIH will evaluate subsequent requests for additional flexibilities and/or resources during the extension period.

The whole NCCIH team hopes that you are safe and healthy, and we look forward to working with you to ensure continued progress toward achieving our shared and important scientific mission.

