

**EVMS recognizes COVID-19 has affected and will continue to affect EVMS's research enterprise.** Understandably the stresses associated with the uncertainty and how to make decisions for your research staff and activities as events unfold is enormous and taxing. Grants Accounting and Sponsored Programs are committed to being responsive during these difficult times and help navigate some of the uncertainty the best we can.

Collaboration and coordination between EVMS departments, partners, local, state and federal offices is necessary to provide the most up-to-date and accurate guidance. As you know, information and circumstances change rapidly. EVMS, as a community, is working together holistically to best disseminate complete information and decisions related to COVID-19 on this EVMS COVID-19 Webpage. Please continue to use this webpage as the record of truth for EVMS COVID-19 communications. Specific research related guidance is located under EVMS COVID-19 Research Guidance and FAQ sections of the website.

Currently, there remains uncertainty related to what federal agencies will be allowing in regard to the charging of salaries/fringe benefits to sponsored programs for which a disruption causes effort to be curtailed. However, the Office of Management and Budget has released OMB Memo M-20-11 ("Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus") and OMB Memo M-20-17 ("Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations") with the intention of providing flexibility to federal agencies in their application of 2 CFR 200. Note that this is not direct guidance to recipients of federal financial assistance and each agency or sponsor will determine if salaries will be allowable if work on the project is stalled due to COVID-19.

EVMS Grants Accounting has developed a [matrix](#) to assist with navigating sponsor's current guidance. Grants Accounting will continue to monitor sponsor and federal agency sites, providing updates as information changes. Grants Accounting is also available to answer questions. Staff are working remotely, but are responding to email and voicemail messages.

As a reminder, if you are the principal investigator of a grant/contract and you anticipate that your deliverables will be delayed by offsite work or staff disruptions, please contact your program officer or technical point of contact immediately to let them know of your work plan adjustments and copy the Office of Sponsored Programs ([osp@evms.edu](mailto:osp@evms.edu)) on the communication. The appropriate OSP staff will be made aware of the notice.

Please see FAQ section of COVID-19 website for more guidance on Research Administration.