

New OLAW COVID-19 Pandemic Contingency Planning Webpage for Animal Care and Use Programs

We know you're looking for answers on how to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining personnel and animal health and well-being, and remaining compliant with the PHS Policy, the *Guide*, and your OLAW Assurance. And we know you need answers now, all in one place.

We have just released our new OLAW [COVID-19 Pandemic Contingency Planning](#) webpage. Here you can find answers to commonly asked questions relating to animal care and use programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to conduct semiannual inspections, program reviews, and IACUC business while maintaining social distancing, and what new charges to your grant are acceptable to ensure animal well-being during the pandemic. We've also listed relevant websites, example disaster plans, OLAW guidance, and webinars.

This page is dedicated specifically to COVID-19. We have another, more general page on [Disaster Planning and Response Resources](#), but you'll find only information specific to pandemics and COVID-19 on the [new website](#). As the COVID-19 situation develops, we'll post new information and guidance here.

In the meantime, you can always contact us at OLAW@od.nih.gov with questions. You can also subscribe to get the latest updates and guidance delivered directly to your email box by subscribing to our [Listserv](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#). The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly developing situation but rest assured that we are monitoring the situation very carefully and will be updating guidance as the situation changes.