Guidance from the Office of Management & Budget

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Thank you for quickly transitioning your research work remotely to reduce the number of people on campus and limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Your research contributions are valued at Ohio State, and we will get past this time of uncertainty.

I’m pleased to share that the Office of Management and Budget is providing more flexibility through new guidance regarding salaries and benefits for your research team. It is Office of Research policy that these costs should continue to be charged to active federal grants. Stipends should also continue to be paid and charged to active federal grants. This guidance supersedes previous guidance from OMB and NIH.

There are numerous allowable sponsored program activities that can be done remotely, including writing, reading, data analysis and experimental design as well as required or recommended training. This newly released guidance also allows salary, benefits and stipends to be allowable charges even when not all of a person’s time can be applied on the sponsored program. In these cases, please document this fractional effort and send to your Ohio State sponsored program officer so that it can become part of the ‘official’ record of the award.

As reminder, to keep up with all COVID-19 research-related news and guidance please visit our website at https://research.osu.edu/news-events/coronavirus-and-your-research-program/.

This is an unprecedented time for all of us, and I appreciate your patience as we work together to protect the health and safety of our community. If you have any questions please let me know.