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COGR's Web Page on Institutional and Agency Responses to COVID-19 and Additional Resources (Including COGR's FAQs)

***Institutional policy links and COVID19 questions can be sent to COVID19@cogr.edu.*

4/22/20: Trump indicates 60-day immigration ban may not apply to H1-B *US President Donald Trump has said that his immigration ban will be for only 60 days and indicated that workers on temporary visas like H1-B for professionals could continue to come in. <https://www.siasat.com/trump-indicates-60-day-immigration-ban-may-not-apply-h1-b-1877753/>*

4/21/20: FBI Official: Number of Coronavirus Cyber Complaints on Rise *(New York Times) Cybercriminals are taking advantage of the pandemic, including hackers who target hospitals and medical research institutions that are studying the coronavirus, the head of the FBI's cyber division said Tuesday. <https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/04/21/us/politics/ap-us-virus-outbreak-fbi-cyberattacks.html>*

4/21/20: Here Are the Covid-19 Legal Risks You Need to Know About Now *(The Chronicle) If you are a small college, you may be covered by a single broker's or insurance company's package of policies. If you're a large research university, with research and medical facilities, you might be covered by a range of policies from different insurers. Either way, each policy is its own carefully tailored individual contract, not a boilerplate clone. So colleges shouldn't assume anything and should go through policies with a fine-tooth comb, experts*

advise. https://www.chronicle.com/article/Here-Are-the-Covid-19-Legal/248583?cid=wsinglestory_hp_1a

4/21/20: Temporary, Emergency Situations Due to COVID-19 and Application Scores Received During Peer Review (Open Mike, NIH) *As we continue to address the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency on NIH-supported research, we are aware of applicant concerns about the potential impact of this temporary emergency situation on the outcome of peer review. We want to reassure applicants that we released [guidance for reviewers](#) that makes it clear that, when reviewing applications during the coronavirus pandemic national emergency, reviewers should assume that issues resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, such as the following, should not affect scores.* <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2020/04/21/temporary-emergency-situations-due-to-covid-19-and-application-scores-received-during-peer-review/>

4/17/20: Preserving the Resilience of the Federal Contracting Base in the Fight Against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (M-20-22, OMB Memo) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/M-20-22.pdf>