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Census Bureau to Add COVID-19 Questions to Business Surveys, Request for Additional Time for Decennial

The Census Bureau has been granted emergency authorization from the White House Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) to add questions related to COVID-19 to its business surveys. Questions to measure the impact of the pandemic will be added to five surveys: the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories & Orders (M3) Survey; the Building Permits Survey; the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey; the Monthly Retail Surveys; and the Quarterly Services Survey. The Census Bureau will be asking businesses whether they have temporarily closed any locations for at least one day, whether they experienced delays in their supply chains or product shipments, and whether those delays impacted revenue. In addition, the Building Permits Survey will ask permit offices whether they were unable to issue permits due to COVID-19-related disruptions, whether such disruptions created a permit backlog, and whether backlogs were cleared. In its justification to OMB, the Census Bureau said: "The added questions are designed to allow us to measure the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic upon businesses. As Primary Economic Indicators, each of these surveys produce timely and closely-watched statistics about the health of the U.S. economy. Given the importance of these indicator surveys and of the statistics they produce, it is imperative we measure to what extent businesses have been impacted in terms of their ability to maintain operations during this turbulent period." The details of the request can be found on OMB's [Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs website](#).

In addition, the Census Bureau [announced](#) that it plans to ask Congress for extra time to produce final apportionment counts for the 2020 Census. Should Congress grant the requested 120-day extension, the Bureau will extend the window for field data collection and self-response to October 31, 2020, which will allow for apportionment counts to be produced by April 30, 2021 and redistricting data by July 31, 2021. In the meantime, the Census Bureau is undertaking preparations to reopen field offices as early as June 1.

Congress Split on Content, Timing of Next Supplemental

Congress left town in late March upon passage of its third COVID-19 supplemental appropriations bill (see [COSSA's coverage](#)) with no set timeline for return. Many are still speculating about what a fourth coronavirus supplemental bill might contain. Republicans are interested in a package focused on relief for small businesses and an infusion of cash for the Small Business Administration, while Democrats are seeking additional resources for hospitals, food stamp benefits, testing, and protective gear for frontline workers. The research and higher education communities, too, have been developing proposals for Congressional consideration. On April 7, four higher education associations sent a [letter](#) to House and Senate leadership calling for \$26 billion in additional appropriations to federal research agencies' extramural research programs to "cover requests for research grant and contract supplements due to COVID-19 related impacts," provide financial relief to "research support personnel," and fund additional graduate student and postdoc fellowships. Read the [full letter](#) for additional recommendations from the higher education community.

Earlier this month, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee issued a request for input on ideas for research, development, and innovation funding and policies that should be considered in a future COVID-19 relief bill. COSSA submitted a [response](#) on April 13.

Stay tuned to COSSA's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page for latest developments.

OHRP Issues Guidance on Human Subjects Protections for Coronavirus Actions

The Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) within the Department of Health and Human Services has issued guidance for institutions and investigators conducting research in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance covers the following topics: (1) Public Health and Clinical Activities; (2) Excluded Public Health Surveillance Activities; (3) Legally Required Reporting; (4) Research Changes to Eliminate Apparent Immediate Hazards; (5) Proposing and Reviewing Study Changes; and, (6) Whether Suspensions of Research Must be Reported. The guidance document

can be accessed at on [OHRP's website](#).

NIMHD Seeking Research Proposals on the Impact of the COVID-19 Outbreak on Minority Health and Health Disparities

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued a [Notice of Special Interest](#) soliciting research proposals that aim to understand how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting minority health and health disparities. In particular, the institute is interested in understanding how state and local public health policies affect health disparities, the role protective interventions may have in mitigating health disparities that COVID-19 may cause, and how behavioral or biological mechanisms may contribute to the spread of COVID-19. This notice is one of many coming out of the institutes and centers at NIH as the agency has been tapped by Congress in the COVID-19 stimulus bills to focus on research addressing the ongoing pandemic (read [COSSA's analysis](#) for more details).

Applications for this notice are due May 1, 2020. More information can be found on the [NIH website](#).

National Academies Begins Series of Virtual Discussions on the Research Community's Responses to COVID-19

On April 9, the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Board on Higher Education and Workforce (BHEW) hosted the first [event](#) in a new virtual series discussing post-secondary responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. The discussion series, which will take place over the course of several weeks, will bring together leaders from academia, industry, government, and civil society to address new developments in COVID-19 responses in different sectors of the research community. Each virtual event will touch on a specific topic on how researchers and their institutions can help support public health efforts.

The April 9 event, which focused on how researchers help the national response efforts, featured a panel discussion among Lisa Hirshhorn, Professor of Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern University; Michael Wells, Fellow at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University and creator of the COVID-19 National Scientist Volunteer Database; Amy McDermott, science journalist for the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and Matthew Golden, Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington and Director of the Public Health Seattle King County HIV/STD program. Topics brought up during the discussion included the role of scientists as communicators to policymakers and health care professionals, barriers to COVID-19 research and what to be done to mitigate them, the curation of the [COVID-19 National Scientist Volunteer Database](#), and long-term strategies for mobilizing scientists against COVID-19.

Future events in the discussion series will focus on topics such as how labs can shift research agendas, how scientists can be crowd-sourced to improve public information, how to provide faster policy advice, how to volunteer for the response effort, the implications of the global nature of the pandemic, and possible long term implications of postsecondary responses to the pandemic. More details about each event in the series and recordings of previous series discussions are available on the NASEM [Eventbrite page](#).

New COVID-19 Resources

- American Educational Research Association: [Coronavirus, Education Research, and Education: Relevant AERA Journal Articles](#)
- National Council on Family Relations: [Resources About the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Office of Human Research Protections: [Guidance on COVID-19](#)
- Research to Policy Collaboration: [COVID-19 Call for Action](#)
- [The COVID Tracking Project](#)
- AWS: [COVID-19 Data Lake](#)

- Data Foundation: [COVID Impact Survey](#)
- American Political Science Association: [APSA Educate: Political Science's Teaching Resource Library](#)
- Emergent Ventures (George Mason University Mercatus Center): [Fast Funding for COVID-19 Science](#)

COSSA IN ACTION

Letters & Statements

- 4/7/2020: [Letter on FY 2021 Funding for the Bureau of Economic Analysis](#)
- 4/3/2020: [Letter on data priorities within the COVID-19 response](#)
- 4/3/2020: [Letter on Investment in Data and Surveillance at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

Share Your Story with COSSA!

COSSA is always looking for tangible examples from the social and behavioral sciences to help make the case that federal investment in these sciences is not only a wise use of taxpayer dollars, but that this research yields results that make the nation and world healthier, safer, and more prosperous. If you have a social science story-- a research success, an example of how social science is being used effectively in your community, an educational experience or teacher who shaped the trajectory of your social science career, or any other experience or activity that showcases the many positive impacts the social and behavioral sciences make to all aspects of life-- share it with COSSA by filling out the [form on our website](#).



FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

OSTP Director Kelvin Droegemeier Named Acting NSF Director

Kelvin Droegemeier, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), has been [named](#) the acting director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) until the Senate confirms a permanent successor to the previous NSF Director, France Córdova. Córdova finished her six-year term heading the agency in March 2020 (see [previous COSSA coverage](#) for more details). The White House announced the nomination of Sethuraman Panchanathan as NSF Director in January 2020, however the timeline for the Senate to consider Panchanathan's nomination has been made unclear by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to his tenure as OSTP Director, Droegemeier served two terms on the National Science Board, the governing body for NSF, and nearly a decade as vice president for research for the University of Oklahoma. The [news release](#) can be found on the NSF website.

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [Request for Recommendations for Membership on Directorate and Office Advisory Committees](#)
- NOAA: [Solicitation for Members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board](#) (Closes: April 23, 2020)

Funding Opportunities

- DOD: [Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Anticipated Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2020](#)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIMHD: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Competitive and Administrative Supplements for the Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) (Closes: May 1, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIA: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): NIA Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: May 1, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIMH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Mental Health Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) (Closes: April 16, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the Behavioral and Social Sciences](#) (Closes: April 1, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIDA: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) (Closes: March 31, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIGMS: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) and the Causative Virus SARS-CoV-2](#) (Closes: February 6, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NCCIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on Stress Management in Relation to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 7, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH/NHLBI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 6, 2020)
- NSF/SBE: [NSF Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages \(DLI-DEL\)](#) (Closes: September 15, 2020)
- ED/IES: [Statistical and Research Methodology in Education and Using Longitudinal Data To Support State Education Policymaking Grant Programs](#) (Closes: July 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** NIH/NCI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): National Cancer Institute Announcement Regarding Availability of Urgent Competitive Revision and Administrative Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: June 26, 2020)
- **NEW:** BJS: [National Pretrial Reporting Program \(NPRP\) 2020](#) (Closes: June 2, 2020)
- NIH: [Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research \(R61 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: May 15, 2020)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Competitive Revisions for Firearms Injury and Mortality Prevention Research](#) (Closes: May 15, 2020)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- NSF: [Build and Broaden: Enabling New Social, Behavioral and Economic Science Collaborations with Minority-Serving Institutions](#) (Closes: May 1, 2020)
- DOJ/BJS: [NICS Act Record Improvement Program](#) (Closes: April 23, 2020)
- NIH: [National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health \(Add Health\) - Wave 6 \(U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (LOI Due: April 18, 2020; Closes: May 18, 2020)
- DOJ/NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: April 15, 2020)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** HHS: [Office of Human Research Protections Guidance on COVID-19](#)
- NIH: [UPDATE: NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for United States for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- NSF: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) for National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Proposers and Awardees](#)
- NIH: [Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19](#)

- NIH: [General Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19](#)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Request for Information on Future Topics for the NSF Convergence Accelerator and Call for Future Topics Conference Proposals](#) (Closes: May 18, 2020)
- OSTP: [Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research](#) (Closes: May 6, 2020)
- DOJ/BJS: [Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired: 2020 Law Enforcement Administrative and Management Statistics \(LEMAS\) Survey](#) (Closes: May 12, 2020)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Exploring the NSF 2026 Idea Machine](#) (EAGER Proposals: April 30, 2020)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- DOJ/NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: April 15, 2020)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

AAAS Accepting Nominations for 2021 Awards & Prizes

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has announced that the nominations process for several of its 2021 awards and prizes will open on April 15, 2020. The annual AAAS awards and prizes, which are announced at the AAAS Annual Meeting, recognize significant contributors to science and the public's understanding of science.

The awards and prizes that will accept nominations include:

- [AAAS Award for Science Diplomacy](#)
- [AAAS Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility](#)
- [AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science](#)
- [AAAS Kavli Science Journalism Awards](#) (Closes: August 1, 2020)
- [AAAS Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science](#)
- [AAAS Mentor Awards](#)
- [AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize](#)
- [AAAS Philip Hauge Abelson Prize](#)
- [AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books](#) (Closes: July 20, 2020)
- [John P. McGovern Award Lecture in the Behavioral Sciences](#)

Award nominations for most awards will be accepted through June 30, 2020 except when noted. More details about each award and application information are available on the [AAAS website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** AAAS: [Kavli Science Journalism Awards](#) (Closes: August 1, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books](#) (Closes: July 20, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Award for Science Diplomacy](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Mentor Awards](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Newcomb Cleveland Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Philip Hauge Abelson Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)

- **NEW:** AAAS: [John P. McGovern Award Lecture in the Behavioral Sciences](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)

Funding Opportunities

- **EXTENDED:** NCGVR: [Funding Opportunity to Study the Impact of Gun Policy on Legal Gun Users](#) (Closes: May 8, 2020)

Open Positions

- NASEM: [Program Officer - Board on Environmental Change and Society](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- **CANCELLED:** [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#) April 16-19, 2020, Chicago, IL
- **VIRTUAL:** [American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting](#) April 17-21, 2020
- **CANCELLED:** [NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding & Grants Administration](#), April 20-22, 2020, Baltimore, MD
- **CANCELLED:** [Population Association of America Annual Meeting](#), April 22-25, 2020, Washington, DC
- **NEW DATE, VIRTUAL:** [COSSA 2020 Social Science Advocacy Day](#), **April 27-28, 2020**
- **VIRTUAL:** [American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meeting](#), May 1, 2020, Baltimore, MD
- **CANCELLED:** [American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference](#), May 14-17, 2020, Atlanta, GA
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | May Headlines](#), May 14, 2020, 2:00 pm
- **CANCELLED:** [Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting](#), May 26-29, 2020, Washington, DC
- **VIRTUAL:** [Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#) May 28-31, 2020, Denver, CO
- **POSTPONED:** [Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations Annual Meeting](#), TBA

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#). COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

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Society for Prevention Research
Society for Research on Adolescence
Society for Social Work and Research
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Southern Political Science Association
Southern Sociological Society
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