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Dear Research Administrators

We hope that you are settling into your remote work routine well. Many of you have asked what you can do to help support research. Thank you.

### **Is your research faculty's BioRaft Profile Up-to-Date?**

As research activities on campus ramp down one of the most important things we can do is encourage our researchers to make sure their lab safety profile in BioRaft is up-to-date. BioRaft is a software application used by Northeastern's Office of Environment Health & Safety (EH&S) to support our investigators and enables effective communication and safety support services in the event of that access to research labs is restricted. Log into BioRaft via:

<https://northeastern.bioraft.com/>. For additional assistance please contact a member of the [EH&S staff](#).

### **Funding Agency Updates:**

We are continuing to update the [NU-RES COVID-19 Updates](#) web site as new announcements and notices come in from our sponsoring agencies. All of whom share a common message: Stay safe, follow [recommended CDC guidance](#) and regardless of the level of disruption, together we'll support research and our investigators now and in the future. Federal agencies have embraced the [OMB's guidance](#) regarding administrative flexibility for administering awards. For example, NIH has already provided guidance related to award expenditures, extending deadlines and project periods, address specific concerns related to human subjects research and recognize that this may require they administratively supplement research programs. We're also routinely updating the [NU-RES COVID-19 FAQs](#) and today created special [FAQs for Laboratory Research](#); so if you or your investigators have a question that we haven't answered please let us know or if there are other ways we can help, please send an email via [NU-RES@northeastern.edu](mailto:NU-RES@northeastern.edu).

### **Stay Connected**

NU-RES will be providing additional updates at our monthly **Brown Bag/Lunch & Learn** session via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 3/19@noon. We'll also be sure to upload the slides to the NU-RES web site. And we're finding that even though distant we're very connected. We check in with each other every day via Teams and Eva has started a tradition with a hi-5 at 5 to close out the day.



So from our team to yours – **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** ... *May the road rise up to meet you, the wind be always at your back, the sun warm upon your face...and may you and yours stay distant and well!*

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, your NU-RES Team will be working remotely; e-mail is the preferred means of communication; we are also available to meet via Microsoft Teams or phone. In the case of an emergency, please call 617-373-5600 or email [NU-RES@northeastern.edu](mailto:NU-RES@northeastern.edu), the central NU-RES email box is monitored during regular business hours. Because circumstances are evolving quickly please also refer to our [NU-RES web site](#) and our [COVID-19 Updates page](#) for information about submitting proposals and managing your awards.*