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**Attachments:** [WHRI COVID-19 Community Bulletin Curtailing research activities March 25 2020.msg](#)  
[FIPPA 26-Mar-2020.pdf](#)  
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[Breeding Colonies Questions and Answers 22-Mar-2020.pdf](#)

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*Sent on behalf of Dr. Lori Brotto, Executive Director, WHRI*

Dear WHRI community,

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all WHRI members and staff for your patience, flexibility, and support during this unprecedented time. Despite our physical distance, I have felt connected to many of you over the past two weeks in some very significant ways that have eased the extreme stress and strain we and our communities face.

In an effort to communicate efficiently and effectively during these rapidly changing times, the WHRI has created a [COVID-19 Researcher Resources](#) page. We will be updating this page in real-time with information related to the WHRI community. The page includes links to our academic, health authority, and funding agency partners and COVID-19 information.

We will continue sending weekly email updates, every Friday at 4 pm PST, which summarize the key changes each week. If you have information you would like included in this email, please send to [Lori.Brotto@cw.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Brotto@cw.bc.ca) and [Nicole.Prestley@cw.bc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Prestley@cw.bc.ca) by **5 pm each Thursday**.

Please continue to play your part to flatten the curve by maintaining social distance, thoroughly washing your hands, and following the provincial health officer's daily recommendations. Together, we will get through this.

Sincerely,

Lori Brotto

Executive Director, Women's Health Research Institute

Updates from March 21 – 27<sup>th</sup>

**Research Curtailment** has been initiated across all institutions. This week the **BCCHR/WHRI/BCMHSUS Exemption Form** was launched [[Attached email](#)]. Those who submitted an exemption will be informed whether their application is approved by the end of day today. If further information is required to make a determination about an application, we will contact researchers directly for clarification. Please note that the research exemption form process will remain active, and if you believe your research may qualify for an exemption at a later time, you are still able to complete the form and have your request considered. Please note that only research which has been approved by the exemption process will be permitted to take place onsite at C&W. If your research was not approved as exempt, no one

from the research team is permitted to be onsite to take part in any aspect of the research. If you have questions please direct them to [KDewar@cw.bc.ca](mailto:KDewar@cw.bc.ca).

**Are you conducting or plan to conduct COVID-19 related research?** The WHRI is interested in learning about any members who have received REB approval to do COVID-19 related research, as well as any WHRI members who plan to undertake COVID-19 related research. If this applies to you, please **email Kathryn Dewar:** [KDewar@cw.bc.ca](mailto:KDewar@cw.bc.ca) .

**A Ministerial Order issued by the Minister of Citizen Services related to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act** [Attached: [FIPPA 26-Mar-2020.PDF](#)] **to support storage of data outside Canada to enable the public sector to use various cloud-based digital communications platforms during COVID-19** – this acts as a suspension of the privacy law requirement for storage in Canada while COVID-19 is a pandemic.

**Health Canada’s** update regarding the **management of clinical trials during the COVID-19 pandemic - notice to clinical trial sponsors:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/drug-products/announcements/management-clinical-trials-during-covid-19-pandemic.html>

#### **UBC Animal Care Committee Resources:**

- Breeding Colonies Q&A [Attached: [Breeding Colonies Questions and Answers 22-Mar-2020.PDF](#)]
- Cryopreservation Options [Attached: [Cryopreservation costs 21-Mar-2020.PDF](#)]

**UBC released a protocol for addressing situations of suspected COVID-19 impacting staff, students, or faculty members** [Attached: [COVID-19 Case Confirmation Protocol UBCV 23-Mar-2020.PDF](#)].

#### **FUNDING AGENCY UPDATES:**

Due to recent events with COVID-19, many funding agencies have pushed their deadlines back. Please note the following grant deadline changes. Some agencies have not made changes to all grants programs, please follow the links below for more updated information from the main funding agencies.

A full list of grant opportunities and deadline adjustments will be sent in the April WHRI eBlast, please see the summary below.

If you have any questions regarding deadlines for grants, please don't hesitate to contact Eric Lussier ([eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca](mailto:eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca)).

#### **Grant Deadline Changes**

**CIHR** – [Planning and Dissemination Grants – ICS](#) – 4/14  
**CIHR** – [Other: Health System Impact Fellowship](#) – 3/29  
**NSERC** – [Alliance Grants Option 2](#) – updated  
**MSFHR** – [2020 Reach Competition](#) – 9/28  
**MSFHR** – [2020 Convening & Collaborating Competition](#) - 9/28  
**MSFHR** - [2020 Innovation To Commercialization Competition](#) - 6/30  
**MSFHR** - [MSFHR Health Professional-Investigator \(HP-I\) Program](#) - 7/17  
**Canadian Cancer Society** - [Research Grants For Uterine Carcinosarcoma And Other Aggressive Uterine Cancers](#) – 4/14  
**Canadian Foundation for Women’s Health** - [The CFWH General Research Grant Guidelines](#) – 9/21  
**Canadian Foundation for Women’s Health** - [Shoppers Drug Mart Namesake Grant for Women’s Health](#) – 9/21  
**Canadian Foundation for Women’s Health** - [The Dawn Walker Grant](#) – 9/21  
**Cancer Research Society** - [Scholarships for the Next Generation of Scientists](#) – 5/22  
**NFRF** – [2020 Transformation Competition](#) - 7/15  
**Government of Canada** – [Canada Research Chairs](#) - 5/29

**Official Statements from Funding organizations regarding COVID-19 and disruptions to programs:**

**Tri-agency:** <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51915.html>

- **CIHR:** <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51912.html>
- **NSERC:** [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsRelease-CommuniqueDePresse\\_eng.asp?ID=1139](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsRelease-CommuniqueDePresse_eng.asp?ID=1139)
- **SSHRC:** [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/news\\_room-salle\\_de\\_presse/latest\\_news-nouvelles\\_recentes/2020/covid-19\\_tri-agency-trois-organismes-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/news_room-salle_de_presse/latest_news-nouvelles_recentes/2020/covid-19_tri-agency-trois-organismes-eng.aspx)

**MSFHR:** <https://www.msfhr.org/news/features/msfhr-shifts-competition-deadlines-support-applicants-involved-covid-19-emergency>

**Canadian Cancer Society:** <https://www.cancer.ca/en/about-us/for-media/media-releases/national/2020/covid19/?region=bc>

**CFI:** <https://www.innovation.ca/about/nouvelles/covid-19-update-2020-innovation-fund-competition-and-other-cfi-activities>

**Canadian Foundation for Women’s Health:** <http://cfwh.org/cfwh-awards-fellowships-and-grants/>

**Cancer Research Society:**

<https://www.societederecherchesurlecancer.ca/en/researchers/scholarships-for-the-next-generation-of-scientists>

**Canada Research Chairs:** <https://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>