

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Office of Regulatory Research Compliance

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The University Research Community

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and Designated Institutional Official

**SUBJECT:** The Office of Regulatory Research Compliance (ORRC) will close during the Winter Break

The ORRC will be closed beginning Friday, December 13, 2019 at 5:00pm, and reopen on January 2, 2020.

**Important Note:** The winter break does not alter the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC); or Institutional Review Board (IRB) meeting schedules or deadlines for submission, given that the winter break was considered in the planning of the upcoming year's schedule.

Whereas, investigators may continue to submit complete applications via email during the break; expedited, exempt, exclusion and designated member review of applications will **not** occur during this period. They will be processed when the ORRC reopens on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

If you should have any protocol related issues that need to be resolved prior to the break, please contact the ORRC as soon as possible.

As previously noted, email is the preferred method of communication during the break. Please use the following email addresses to communicate with the ORRC as appropriate:

[IRB-medical.orrcc@howard.edu](mailto:IRB-medical.orrcc@howard.edu) - Medical-IRB (Medical Institutional Review Board)  
[IRB-nonmedical.orrcc@howard.edu](mailto:IRB-nonmedical.orrcc@howard.edu) - Non-Medical IRB (Non-Medical Institutional Review Board)  
[IACUC.orrcc@howard.edu](mailto:IACUC.orrcc@howard.edu) -- IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee)  
[IBC.orrcc@howard.edu](mailto:IBC.orrcc@howard.edu) - IBC (Institutional Biosafety Committee)  
[Exclusions.orrcc@howard.edu](mailto:Exclusions.orrcc@howard.edu) - (Excluded Research)  
[MTA.orrcc@howard.edu](mailto:MTA.orrcc@howard.edu) -- MTA (Material Transfer Agreement)  
[COI.orrcc@howard.edu](mailto:COI.orrcc@howard.edu) -- COI (Conflict of Interest)  
[Theorrcc@howard.edu](mailto:Theorrcc@howard.edu) -- For general communications or to report compliance issues/concerns

