

# EXHIBIT 24

## COVID-19

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## NIAID Role in Research

### Improving the health of millions of people around the world

NIAID conducts and supports basic and applied research to better understand, treat, and ultimately prevent infectious, immunologic, and allergic diseases. For more than 60 years, NIAID research has led to new therapies, vaccines, diagnostic tests, and other technologies that have improved the health of millions of people in the United States and around the world. NIAID is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

### Areas of Study at NIAID

#### [HIV/AIDS](#) >

NIAID is working to better understand HIV and how it causes disease, find new tools to prevent HIV infection, develop new and more effective treatments for HIV-infected people, and find a cure.

#### [Infectious Diseases](#) >

NIAID conducts and supports research on nearly 300 infectious agents and investigates the biological properties of these pathogens and the immune system's responses to them. Findings from this research are vital to NIAID efforts to create vaccines, drugs, and diagnostic tools to better diagnose, prevent, and treat infectious diseases.

#### [Allergy, Immunology, & Transplantation](#) >

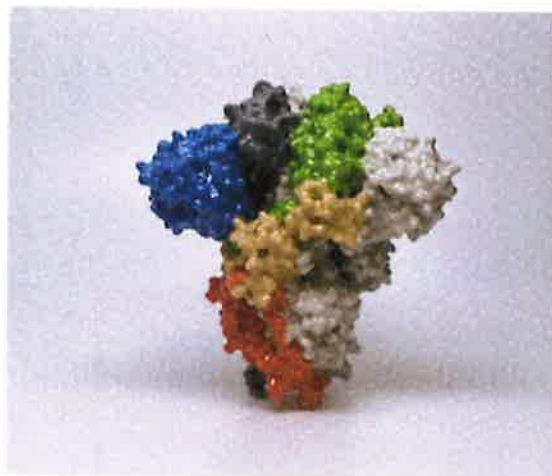
NIAID supports basic and clinical research to increase our understanding of the causes and mechanisms that lead to the development of allergic and immunologic diseases and to expand knowledge that can be applied to improving techniques of diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.

#### [Research Disciplines & Approaches](#) >

The pursuit of NIAID's research mission requires innovation, collaboration, and broad-mindedness. Researchers both working at NIAID and being funded by NIAID use a wide range of approaches to their research pursuits. Disciplines that cut across and beyond individual diseases or conditions form an important part of our research agenda.

### NIAID Research Infrastructure

### NIAID Accomplishments



3D print of a spike protein on the surface of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Spike proteins cover the surface of SARS-CoV-2 and enable the virus to enter and infect human cells.

*Credit: NIH*

#### [Selected NIAID Science News Highlights of 2020](#) >

In 2020, NIAID and its global partners rapidly leveraged their scientific infrastructure and expertise to conduct critical basic, preclinical, and clinical research to address the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

#### [See all Showcases of Research Accomplishments](#) >

### Research Conducted in NIAID Labs >

NIAID supports 25 laboratories, two free-standing sections, and two independent programs that conduct peer-reviewed research, as well as several branches that focus on new research technologies and animal care. Through the Division of Intramural Research and Vaccine Research Center, principal investigators lead research groups composed of staff scientists, physicians, fellows, technical personnel, and students. In addition to conducting internal research, NIAID provides many laboratory and clinical research training opportunities for both pre- and postdoctoral physicians and scientists.

### Funding for Research >

NIAID supports research at external academic and research institutions through funding opportunities including grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements. Decades of NIAID-funded research has helped further the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of many of the world's most intractable and widespread conditions in the areas of allergy, immunology and infectious diseases. In addition to targeted requests for proposals in response to initiatives, NIAID is always accepting researcher-initiated applications. Connect with NIAID program officers about potential funding.

### Resources for Researchers >

In addition to monetary funding, NIAID or NIAID-funded groups provide services that are available to the research community to advance their scientific pursuits. You may request services if you are an investigator in academia, a nonprofit organization, industry, or government in the United States or worldwide. You need not be a grantee of NIAID or another National Institutes of Health Institute or Center. Look to each resource for further eligibility information.

### Networks >

Networks help to increase collaboration, break down silos, and share information and data by connecting researchers to each other, to institutions public and private, and to the general scientific community. A research network is an umbrella organizing group, internal or external to NIAID, whose responsibilities include to conduct, oversee, and at times fund research or offer non-monetary support for research. Most of these networks offer services, i.e., resources, available to the NIAID scientific community.

### Partnerships >

When appropriate, NIAID works with partners to help fund initiatives, drive campaigns, and ultimately push forward research related to the NIAID mission.