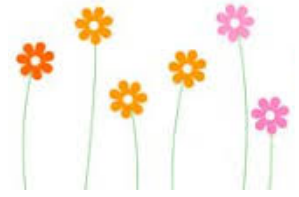




# Effortless Facts May 2020 Edition

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Recently released **OMB M-20-11** and **OMB M-20-17** address **Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)** and **guidance related to salary charges on federal awards**. This guidance allows for the continuation of salary and benefits charges to active Federal awards consistent with the University's policy of paying salaries from all funding sources.

*These flexibilities are unprecedented, please keep in mind when charging effort during periods of idle time, that while it is allowable to continue to charge salaries and benefits to existing awards, there are no indications that budgets will be increased to accommodate an extended period of absence.*



FCR is now offering **virtual and self-guided training sessions** to allow users to complete training requirements remotely. Please register for the workshops of interest on our [website](#).



Remote workers have reported **difficulties in accessing the SPAR environments (Production and Training)** from a Mac computer. If you have experienced this same difficulty, please review [these steps](#) to download the necessary JAVA plugin and browser.



The **ECC Payroll report** can be run for an individual, an account or a department and will provide dollars distributed and distributed effort percentages. It can be used as a complimentary report to the SPAR Form Report, which provides actual effort and cost share percentages. Note: an account that is 100% cost shared will not appear on the ECC Payroll Report, but will be on the SPAR Form Report. Review the [ECC Payroll report instruction guide](#) for more information.

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