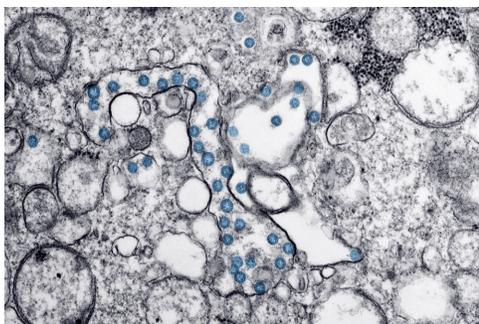




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ADVOCATE UPDATE

House Bill Provides Additional Funding for NIH to Support Lab Disruptions



The House has passed [H.R. 6800](#), the HEROES Act, which includes additional funding for the NIH and other federal research agencies. Following recommendations from the broad scientific community, and an effort led [by Reps. Diana DeGette \(D-CO\) and Fred Upton \(R-MI\)](#) addressing the impact of the pandemic on lab shutdowns, the bill would provide NIH with about \$4 billion for that purpose. Thanks to all ASHG

members who wrote to their representatives in Congress to support the effort!

In addition, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) would receive \$200 million to study the mental health consequences of COVID-19, and additional \$500 million for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Watch the First ASHG Advocacy Webinar



Mary Woolley



Allison McCague, PhD



Lynn Jorde, PhD,
Moderator

Thanks to all those who attended and submitted questions during the first ever ASHG advocacy webinar, "The Need for Science Advocacy and How to Get Started." On May 6th, speakers Mary Woolley of Research!America; Allison McCague, PhD of Rutgers University; and moderator Lynn

Jorde, PhD of the University of Utah spoke into detail about the value of advocating for science, and the different ways one can get involved in advocacy for their profession. In case you missed it or want to watch again, be sure to [view the recording](#) on the ASHG website. Stay tuned for more ASHG advocacy webinar events in the future!

In Other News



- [ASHG President, Anthony Wynshaw-Boris, MD, PhD](#) recently discussed the crucial role of genetics and genomics research during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Senators Kamala Harris (D-CA), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) introduced [a resolution](#) condemning anti-Asian

discrimination as related to COVID-19. ASHG signed on to a [multi-society letter](#) to Congress in support of the resolutions.

Please read the [recently-posted blog](#) for more information about these items.

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