

Key links:

Federal Register Notice: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/08/31/2026-17685/notice-of-public-hearing-niaid-proposed-reorganization>

Reorganization Information: <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/about/niaid-organization-dcr>

Form to Submit Comments (**deadline Sept. 18**):

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eHW3FHOX1UKFByUcotwrBiYMKCNbZuhBvJUySG_WFz9URUFHVUFKSE9QS1gyNzUwOE5XRkVIQTRSTSQIQCN0PWcu

Template Comments (please personalize where you can):

Comments on NIAID Proposed Reorganization: FR Doc. 2026-17685

I am submitting comments on behalf of XXXX regarding the proposed reorganization of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Federal Register Notice 2026-17685. I am a.... [or My organization is.....].

NIAID has for decades supported and advanced research that has improved the lives of people living with HIV and affected by HIV. I/We are concerned that National Institutes of Health actions are threatening the incredible progress that has been achieved and potentially putting lives at risk.

The proposed reorganization of NIAID developed without input from the HIV community, including people living with and affected by HIV, that was released with just a 10-day comment period is the latest action of concern.

The limited details provided regarding the reorganization on top of the extremely short comment period comes at a time when NIAID does not have a permanent director and there has been a reduction in force that is contributing to significant delays in grantmaking.

The disruptions in grantmaking include major delays in the release of the notice of funding opportunities (NOFO) for NIAID's flagship HIV clinical trials networks and Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR) that have saved millions of lives over the last several decades.

Delays in the release of the NOFOs are forcing clinical trial sites to prepare for lapses in funding that could harm study participants, halt promising clinical trials and erode the scientific workforce and infrastructure that has taken decades to develop.

NIAID's has supported critical research leading to the development of highly effective and innovative medications and other interventions to prevent and treat HIV. These successes would not have been possible without the Institute's long-standing partnerships with the

HIV community and the important work of the highly productive HIV clinical trial networks and CFARs.

NIH must lead with transparency and maintain strong community partnerships to achieve the goal of ending the HIV epidemic.

We urge NIH to withdraw the NIAID reorganization proposal, provide more details and allow sufficient time, e.g., at least 90 days for comment, and, in addition, offer meaningful opportunities for community engagement, e.g., virtual consultation sessions.

We also urge NIH to ensure the immediate release of the NOFOs for the HIV Clinical Trial Networks and the CFARs.