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Media Briefing: NIH Leaders to speak at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting about NIH COVID-19 research and the neurological implications of COVID-19

WHAT:

Leaders from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH), the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), and the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child and Human Development (NICHD) will brief reporters about their Institutes' research efforts related to COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2. Topics will include Long COVID, effects of SARS-CoV-2 infection on the brain, mental health during the pandemic, and COVID-19 and the opioid epidemic.

WHO:

Remarks:

- Walter Koroshetz, M.D., Director, NINDS
- Nora Volkow, M.D., Director, NIDA
- George Koob, Ph.D., Director, NIAAA
- Shelli Avenevoli, Ph.D., Deputy Director, NIMH
- David Shurtleff, Ph.D., Deputy Director, NCCIH
- Alison Cernich, Ph.D., Deputy Director, NICHD

WHEN:

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. ET

HOW:

The press briefing will be conducted via Zoom Webinar. Reporters who would like to join the briefing should [register for a Neuroscience 2021 media pass](#). Registration is free and includes access to all events at the 2021 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.

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