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**Subject:** Please read - IORA Status: Update to Go-Live

Greetings RAMC & IORA Super Users:

**Please be sure to share the following information with your department.**

We have an important update to share with you. Though IORA will be live (in production) on January 11 as planned, we will be using the week between January 11 and January 19 to for additional validation and testing to ensure the best possible experience for the user community. **The date you can begin using IORA is now January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

In conjunction with validation activities, ORPA will use that week to begin processing some of the requests in IORA that have come in during the freeze period.

### **IORA “Sandbox” Environment Available by January 12**

A benefit of this extended period of time for you and your departments is that we will now be able to provide you with an IORA “sandbox” environment that will mirror the actual IORA production environment. **This will be available to you by January 12 and we’ll send you the link and access instructions then.**

In this sandbox, you will be able to look for your awards, practice creating funding proposals, etc. This also gives you a chance to document your questions or any issues you notice and **bring those to our [scheduled office hours](#).**

### **Paper-Sign Off for Funding Proposals**

You may continue to use the current paper sign-off form to submit funding proposals. (Please remember to adhere to 5-day deadline!) As of January 26, the paper sign-off form will be officially retired!

Thank you for your continued support. You’ll hear from us again on Tuesday, January 12, with information on accessing the IORA sandbox environment.

IORA Team