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The NIH states that non-refundable costs associated with grant-related travel that has been cancelled due to COVID-19 related complications may be charged to the NIH grant if the costs would have otherwise

commercial airfares must be used. Recipients should continue to comply with the travel policies to determine the allowability of these costs in cases of unforeseen or emergency circumstances.

These types of expenses are considered administrative costs (indirect costs), and generally are not appropriate as a direct cost unless specifically approved by the sponsor.

Personal protective equipment needed to perform the grant may be a direct charge per sponsor guidance. Supplies needed for general cleaning should be covered by a non-grant or departmental chartstring. See <u>Guidance on Charging of Personal Protective Equipment to Sponsored Projects</u>