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Dr. Anthony Fauci
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Dr. Anthony Fauci, a member of the coronavirus task force, had previously backed funding for a [controversial lab](#) in Wuhan, China, that has been studying the coronavirus in bats, reports said.

Fauci's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases had shelled out a total of \$7.4 million to the Wuhan Institute of Virology lab — which has become the focus of theories about the origin of COVID-19, [according to Newsweek](#).

The National Institutes of Health, which oversees the NIAID, shut down all funding to the lab last week.

"At this time, NIH does not believe that the current project outcomes align with the program goals and agency priorities," a deputy director at the agency wrote in a [letter obtained by Politico](#).

There is "increasing confidence" among officials in the Trump administration that the Wuhan Institute of Virology lab is the original site of the

virus. A report by Fox News said embassy

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The NIH defended its funding of the lab ir



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“Most emerging human viruses come from globally,” the statement read.

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“Scientific research indicates that there is no evidence that suggests the virus was created in a laboratory.”

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