

Emergency Submission to Supplement OMB Control Number 0920-0821 in the context of Screening Travelers for Ebola Risk.

Supporting Statement B

Respondent universe:

This package is structured to perform screening of all travelers coming from countries currently affected by the Ebola outbreak. As of now, those countries include Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea.

Data Collection Methods:

The United States Traveler Health Declaration will be administered to every traveler arriving at a U.S. airport from countries affected by the Ebola outbreak. DHS will assist CDC by completing the United States Traveler Health Declaration and temperature screening based on responses from the traveler and the use of a non-contact thermometer. A French version of the form will be available for those travelers who request it. Information collected by DHS will either be manually entered on a paper form or the data will be entered on a fillable PDF by DHS personnel on a DHS laptop. If traveler is referred to CDC for a public health evaluation, the United States Traveler Health Declaration will be printed and handed to a CDC staff member. The PDFs will be transferred by encrypted flash drive to DHS server, and there will be batch transfers of PDFs to CDC via secure file transfer protocol.

If a traveler answers in the affirmative to experiencing any of the specified symptoms or exposures, appears visibly ill, or has a fever, the risk threshold for a further public health evaluation is met. DHS will then contact CDC who will use the revised Ebola Risk Assessment For Travelers From Ebola Outbreak-Affected Countries form to conduct a detailed medical evaluation to determine if further intervention is necessary.

CDC is providing DHS with a job-aid to assist them in administering the United States Traveler Health Declaration, and is also providing a job-aid that describes the entry screening process in general. CDC will also provide in-person training at ports of entry to supplement the job-aids.