

# **Report of Illness or Death Interstate Travel of Persons (42 CFR Part 70)**

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## **1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods**

Under 42 CFR part 70.4 respondents are masters of a vessel or a persons in charge of a conveyance engaged in interstate traffic, on which a suspected case of communicable disease develops. And, under section 70.11 respondents are pilots in command of an aircraft operated by an airline who is conducting a commercial passenger flight in interstate traffic under a regular schedule

## **2. Procedures for the Collection of Information**

Reporting requirements imposed by the regulations have been reduced and streamlined by reliance upon State and local health departments to manage most situations occurring within their jurisdictions. If submission of information under these regulations becomes necessary, all information may be submitted in the most expeditious manner practical. At this time, all reporting of a communicable disease or death is accomplished electronically, e.g. via Air Traffic Control or via the airlines' points of contact (e.g., Operations Center, Flight Control, Airline Station Manager.)

Reporting for domestic flights should be consistent with International Civil Aviation Organization, which are as follows:

For aircraft outside U.S. airspace or for U.S. destination

Reports of communicable disease or death should be made in one of the two following ways:

### **1. Air Traffic Control (ATC)**

[This reporting option complies with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) reporting requirement, ICAO document 4444 and Annex 9, Ch. 8, 8.15.] ATC will notify CDC's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) through the Domestic Events Network; the EOC will notify the appropriate CDC Quarantine Station and the local health department of jurisdiction. Quarantine staff will communicate with the airline's designated point of contact to obtain necessary information about the death or ill traveler. Also, quarantine station will provide update to DEN via EOC about the response.

**OR**

### **Optional for U.S. flights [Meets U.S. federal regulations for reporting to CDC]**

#### **2. Airline's point of contact (e.g., Operations Center, Flight Control, Airline Station Manager)**

Instruct the airline's point of contact to notify CDC by contacting the:

- o **CDC Quarantine Station** at or closest to the airport where the flight is arriving:  
[www.cdc.gov/quarantine/QuarantineStationContactListFull.html](http://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/QuarantineStationContactListFull.html) **OR**
- o **CDC EOC (770.488.7100)**, who will then notify the appropriate CDC Quarantine Station.

Reports from other types of conveyances engaged in interstate travel may be made to state and local health departments, or the CDC's EOC, via other electronic methods, such as email or radio.

### **3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with No Response**

Response to this data collection is required. However, the information requested has been kept to the absolute minimum in order to minimize the public burden. CDC has also worked with airline partners to ensure the reporting burden is limited to that necessary to assess public health risk from a communicable disease or death, and to ensure that CDC or state and local public health can follow-up with travelers, if needed.

### **4. Tests of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken**

CDC currently collects this data under previously approved information collections. The protocols and electronic systems used for this data collection are continually updated and improved for quality of data collection and ease of use for both the public, industry and CDC program administrators.

### **5. Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data**

Not Applicable