



November 1, 2021

Dominic Mancini
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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC

Subject: Request for Emergency Review and Clearance

Dear Mr. Mancini:

Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 CFR Part 1320, *Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public*, I request that the proposed information collection project, *Requirement for Negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test Result or Documentation of Recovery from All Airline or Aircraft Passengers Arriving into the United States from Any Foreign Country and Requirement for Proof of Covid-19 Vaccination for Noncitizen, Nonimmigrants Air Passengers Arriving into the United States From A Foreign Country* be processed in accordance with section 1320.13, Emergency Processing.

I have determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of time periods established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to CDC's COVID-19 emergency response. With case counts and deaths due to COVID-19, particularly the Delta variant, continuing to increase around the globe, the high proportion of unvaccinated people in the U.S. and around the world, and infected people with asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic infections, the United States is taking a multi-layered approach to combatting COVID-19, concurrently preventing and slowing the continued introduction of cases and further spread of the virus within U.S. communities. Vaccination is the most important measure for reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission during travel and in avoiding severe illness, hospitalization, and death; however, infections in fully vaccinated people indicate that vaccination is a necessary but not sufficient measure; testing of these travelers is still necessary and this required.

On October 25, 2021, CDC announced two Orders 1) *Requirement for Negative Pre-Departure Covid-19 Test Result or Documentation of Recovery from Covid-19 For All Airline or Other Aircraft Passengers Arriving in The United States from Any Foreign Country* and 2) *CDC's Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Advancing Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic* with the goal of reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the travel corridor and preventing COVID-19 transmission to U.S. communities. These Orders are effective at 12:01 EST on November 8, 2021.

The Order titled *Requirement for Negative Pre-Departure Covid-19 Test Result or Documentation of Recovery from Covid-19 For All Airline or Other Aircraft Passengers Arriving in The United States from Any Foreign Country* requires all air passengers 2 years of age or older, to present a negative COVID-19 viral test result within a time period based on their vaccination status, or present documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days, before boarding a flight to the U.S. from a foreign country. CDC's Order *Advancing Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Amended Order Implementing Proclamation on Advancing Safe Resumption of Global Travel*



During the COVID-19 Pandemic implements the President's Proclamation to suspend and limit entry into the United States for non-U.S. citizens who are nonimmigrants seeking to enter the United States by air travel and are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The Presidential Proclamation and CDC's Order do not apply to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, U.S. lawful permanent residents, immigrants, aircrew members (under certain circumstances), and certain categories of noncitizen, nonimmigrants. The requirements of these Orders must be met in order to board an aircraft to the United States from another country. CDC amended the *Order Advancing Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Amended Order Implementing Proclamation on Advancing Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic* on October 30, 2021 with minimal changes to clarify that some individuals are not required to attest to having to agree and arrange to self-quarantine after arriving in the United States.

CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance given the fact that COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread rapidly around the world, and the extreme transmissibility of the Delta variant has resulted in rapidly rising numbers of COVID-19 cases. As of November 1, 2021, a cumulative estimated total of over 246 million cases and over 4.9 million confirmed deaths have now been reported worldwide. Even in countries that have managed to slow the rate of transmission, the risks for COVID-19 resurgence remains. In the United States, as of November 1, 2021, there have been over 45 million cases and more than 743,000 confirmed deaths.

Please provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by close of business, November 2, 2021.

Respectfully,

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and Prevention (CDC)