



October 26, 2022

Dominic Mancini
Deputy Director
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 revised information collection project, *2022 Ebola Traveler Follow Up Evaluation* be processed in accordance with section 1320.13, Emergency Processing.

I have determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of the time period established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to inform CDC and interagency decision makers on state/local health department travel monitoring activities related to travelers coming from areas affected by an Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak originating in Uganda.

EVD is a severe illness in humans with extremely high case fatality rates. The scale of this EVD outbreak may continue to worsen. The best strategy to control the spread of the virus to the United States is to stop it at the source with core public health intervention, supplemented by an enhanced public health entry risk assessment and monitoring programs in the United States.

To further protect U.S. communities from an imported case of EVD, the United States must be prepared to respond domestically by providing state and local health departments and healthcare facilities with the necessary assessments and questionnaires that can assist in identifying high-risk or intermediate-risk exposures in travelers arriving from areas affected by the outbreak. CDC proposes to conduct this assessment to determine the proportion of travelers that state and local health departments were able to contact for traveler monitoring and inform the development of future guidance and recommendations for traveler monitoring. This information collection is necessary to facilitate public health monitoring and transmission of information to assist state and local health departments to complete a 21-day follow-up period and prevent further spread of EVD.

CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures due to the public harm that will result if routine processing of this request is required. CDC requests authorization to collect information from state and local health departments to mitigate the risk of transmission and spread of EVD in the United States. If an emergency approval is not granted, then the spread of Ebola to the United States is more likely.

Given that this is an emerging public health situation, and a timely public health response is critical to containment, please provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by 5pm ET, October 28, 2022.



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Respectfully,

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