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There are no statistical methods used in the collection of information.

1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

Respondents include operators of all commercial passenger-carrying vessels, cargo ships, international ferries, fishing boats, and research vessels that seek to operate in international waterways and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. No statistical methods are used to identify these populations.

2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

- o Illness or death reporting with no form associated can be reported using a phone or radio. Some ships, such as cargo ships, may report ill persons to CDC by radioing or calling their own Operation Center, U.S. Coast Guard. Sometimes they may also call the local port health station or CDC Emergency Operations Center directly.
- o *Maritime Conveyance Illness or Death Investigation Form* (OMB Control No 0920-0134, exp. 3/31/2026). CDC's [website provides guidance to ships](#) on how they can report illnesses or deaths that occur on their ship using this form. There are also instructions located on the first page of this form. For Sections 1-4, a fillable PDF form is filled out by cruise lines and then securely emailed to CDC. For Section 5, which is less frequently needed because it includes personally identifiable information, cruise lines fill out and can fax or call the port health station.
- o *Cruise Ship Cumulative Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI) Reporting Form* (OMB Control No 0920-1335, exp. 1/31/2026). Cruise ships submit data via REDCap, a CDC-approved secure web application.
- o *Tuberculosis (TB) Maritime Contact Investigation Worksheet (OMB Control No 0920-0900) (Attachment E)* Password-protected Excel forms are emailed to CDC.
- o *Varicella Outbreak Enhanced Data Collection Form (OMB Control No 0920-0900) (Attachment F)* Password-protected Excel forms are emailed to CDC.
- o *General Maritime Contact Investigation Outcome Reporting Form (previously approved under 0920-0900) (Attachment G)* Password-protected Excel forms are emailed to CDC.

3. Methods to maximize Response Rates and Deal with No Response

CDC regulations require *the master of a ship report immediately to the port station at or nearest the port at which the ship will arrive, the occurrence, on board, of any death or any ill person among passengers or crew (including those who have disembarked or have been removed) during the 15-day period preceding the date of expected arrival or during the period since departure from a U.S. port (whichever period of time is shorter) (42 CFR 71.21 (a)).* CDC regulations also require *the master of any carrier at a U.S. port to report immediately to the port health station at or nearest the port the occurrence, on board, of any death or any ill person among passengers or crew (42 CFR 71.35).* Finally, *the master of any vessel engaged in interstate traffic, on which a case or suspected case of a communicable disease develops shall, as soon as practicable, [must] notify the local health authority at the next port of call, station, or stop, and shall take such measures to prevent the spread of the disease as the local health authority directs.* Not responding to this data collection is a violation of regulation.

CDC has had a long-standing working relationship with the cruise line industry and receives feedback from cruise lines on how to make reporting acute-respiratory illnesses and outcome reports easier. Additionally, responding to these questions allows CDC to provide technical assistance to medical staff on cruise lines, improving the cruise lines reputation for supporting public health of maritime travelers.

4. Tests of Procedures or Methods to be undertaken

CDC currently collects certain import and maritime traveler-related information under this previously approved information collection. The electronic systems used for this information collection are continually updated and improved for quality of data collection and ease of use for the public, industry, and CDC program administrators.

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

Not Applicable