

gonorrhea and syphilis; existing case records are matched to other health department disease registries to determine co-infections and to document laboratory and treatment information known by the health department through routine case investigations and local laboratory reporting. In the proposed revision, syphilis cases will also be selected for enhanced provider and patient investigations utilizing the same consensus protocols used for enhanced gonorrhea case investigations. Considering recent increases in syphilis cases in the U.S., especially congenital syphilis, these data are critical to informing local and national syphilis prevention and control activities. SSuN recipients implement protocols providing uniformly coded data on

demographic characteristics, behavioral risk factors, clinical care, laboratory data and health care seeking behaviors that are combined into a national dataset following data quality assurance at CDC.

In 2021, there were 211,791 cases of gonorrhea diagnosed and reported across the 11 current recipients of SSuN. Approximately 7.4%, or 15,715 cases were randomly sampled for enhanced investigation; full enhanced investigations were completed for 6,186 (39.4%). During the COVID-19 public health emergency, a slightly larger proportion of cases were lost to follow-up than in prior years due to local staffing shortages, issues with timely laboratory and case reporting, and higher than average patient refusals. No additional burden is anticipated from the future inclusion of early syphilis

cases in Strategy B because of the decrease in gonorrhea case investigations.

Data managers at each of the local/state health departments or clinical facilities receiving funding are responsible for transmitting validated datasets for these activities to CDC every other month. This reflects 5,280 burden hours for Strategy A and B data management (11 respondents × 12 data transmissions × 40 hours per data transmission).

The total estimated annual burden hours for SSuN are 7,407. Respondents from local/state health departments and/or clinical facilities receive Federal funds to participate in this project. There are no costs to patients or respondents other than their time.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average hours per response	Total response burden (hours)
Data managers at STD clinics (Strategy A).	Electronic Clinical Record Abstraction.	40	6	4	960
General Public, Adults (sample of persons diagnosed and reported with gonorrhea and/or syphilis).	Patient interviews for a random sample of gonorrhea and syphilis cases.	7,000	1	10/60	1,167
Data Managers: 11 local/state health departments.	Data cleaning/validation, HIV-registry matching, data transmission.	11	12	40	5,280
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,407

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled "Traveler-based Genomic Surveillance" to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a "Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations" notice on May 6, 2022, to obtain comments from the

public and affected agencies. CDC received one comment related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or

other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570.

Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

**Proposed Project**

Traveler-based Genomic Surveillance—New—National Center for

Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ), Travelers’ Health Branch (THB) requests three-year approval for information collection from international air travelers that participate in the Traveler-based Genomic Surveillance project. Genetic variants of SARS-CoV-2 have been emerging and circulating around the world throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Of particular concern are variants for which there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease (for example, increased hospitalizations or deaths), significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures.

CDC recommends that all arriving international travelers get tested before

departing and 3–5 days after travel. However, this testing is not mandatory for all travelers. Furthermore, there are currently few systems that conduct disease surveillance in the population of arriving international travelers. Moreover, as testing and sequencing for SARS-CoV-2 continue to decline worldwide, detecting emerging variants of concern (VOCs) in a timely manner is becoming more and more difficult.

To address this gap, in September 2021, the THB, in collaboration with private partners, implemented a voluntary SARS-CoV-2 genomic surveillance program with the goal of early detection of novel VOCs. Surveillance for new and emerging variant strains among travelers can provide researchers and public health officials critical time to collect information about the transmissibility, virulence, and effectiveness of existing vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics. The project is conducted with external partners and groups within DGMQ and across CDC, including the Office of Advanced Molecular Detection. The program began at New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport in

September 2021 and later expanded to include Newark Liberty International, San Francisco International, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International airports. Since November 2022, the program has expanded to Los Angeles, Seattle, and Washington Dulles. Information collection for this project is currently approved under a Public Health Emergency PRA Waiver.

The information collection for which approval is sought is in accordance with CDC/DGMQ’s mission to reduce morbidity and mortality among travelers and to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases from foreign countries into the U.S. This mission is supported by the Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act regulations found in 42 Code of Federal Regulations part 70 and 71. Also supported under general authorities provided by Sections 301 and 311 in the Public Health Service Act regulations.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 46,250 annual burden hours. There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Arriving international traveler .....	Questionnaire .....	555,000	1	6/60

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**Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(d), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, and the Determination of the Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or

commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP)—CE24-001, Panel B, Grants for Injury Control Research Centers (ICRC).

*Dates:* May 17–18, 2023.

*Times:* 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT.

*Place:* Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30346.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*For Further Information Contact:* Aisha L. Wilkes, M.P.H., Scientific Review Officer, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway NE, Mailstop S106-9, Atlanta, Georgia 30341; Telephone: (404) 639-6473; Email: [AWilkes@cdc.gov](mailto:AWilkes@cdc.gov).

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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