

CDC TA during the previous funding cycle.

The previous Clinic-level Data Collection instrument assessed: (1) Health system and clinic characteristics, (2) EBI and supporting activities implementation within clinics; (3) monitoring and quality improvement activities, and (4) CRC screening rates. The revised instrument was reorganized (e.g., sections merged, variables moved to new sections) for increased efficiency and to improve overall data quality. In addition, wording and responses for many variables and their response options have undergone minor revisions to better capture awardees' partnerships with both health systems and clinics, and appropriate capture of baseline and annual variables. The revised

instrument gathers information to assess health system and clinic characteristics; program reach; CRC screening practices and outcomes; clinics' quality improvement and monitoring activities; EBI implementation, and additional factors that affect EBI implementation over time.

The new Quarterly Program Update will collect standardized awardee-level information on aspects of program management, including (1) quarterly program expenditures, (2) current staff vacancies, (3) program successes and challenges, and (4) current TA needs. This information collection will provide CDC staff rapid reporting of programmatic information to inform their efforts to provide awardees with tailored TA.

Redesigned data elements will enable CDC to better gauge progress in meeting CRCCP program goals and monitor implementation activities, evaluate outcomes, and identify awardee TA needs. In addition, data collected will inform program improvement and help identify successful activities that need to be maintained, replicated, or expanded.

OMB approval is requested for three years. The number of awardees will increase from 30 awardees in DP15–1502 to 35 awardees in DP20–2002, and the number of clinic partners is expected to increase from 12 to 24 per awardee. Therefore, the total estimated annualized burden hours have increased from 204 to 663 hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hr)	Total burden (in hr)
CRCCP Awardees	CRCCP Annual Awardee Survey	35	1	15/60	9
	CRCCP Clinic-level Information Collection Instrument.	35	24	43/60	602
	CRCCP Quarterly Program Update	35	4	22/60	52
Total	663

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled COVID–19 Pandemic Response, Laboratory Data Reporting. The collection will be used to gather comprehensive laboratory testing data to ensure a rapid and thorough federal response to the COVID–19 pandemic.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before August 4, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2020–0062 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to *Regulations.gov*.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (*regulations.gov*) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of

the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7570; Email: *omb@cdc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. 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;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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 submissions of responses.

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

COVID–19 Pandemic Response, Laboratory Data Reporting—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 (CDC) requests an emergency six-month approval for a New Information Collection titled COVID–19 Pandemic Response, Laboratory Data Reporting. Efforts are underway to ensure that laboratory data—including diagnostic viral testing data and serologic testing data—are comprehensive and readily available from laboratories and other facilities providing testing, including point-of-care testing sites for the public health response to SARS–CoV–2 and COVID–19.

Ensuring a rapid and thorough public health response to the COVID–19 pandemic necessitates comprehensive laboratory testing data. These data contribute to understanding disease incidence and trends: Initiating epidemiologic case investigations, assisting with contact tracing, assessing availability and use of testing resources, and identifying of supply chain issues for reagents and other material. Laboratory testing data, in conjunction with case reports and other data, also provide vital guidance for mitigation and control activities.

Public Law 116–136 § 18115(a), the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, requires “every laboratory that performs or analyzes a test that is intended to detect SARS–CoV–2 or to diagnose a possible case of COVID–19” to report the results from each such test to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Through the CARES Act, and other coronavirus supplemental funding packages including the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, jurisdictions have received funding to accelerate and improve data collection and reporting of SARS–CoV–2. Improvements with the laboratory data collection and reporting, laboratory information management systems (LIMS) enhancements and expansions, increased completeness of case data reporting, and improvements with timeliness of reporting are among the prioritized activities for implementation with this funding.

This ICR outlines the requirements for data submission to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as authorized under this law. In an effort

to receive these data in the most efficient manner, the Secretary is requiring that all data be reported through existing public health data reporting methods as described below.

As a guiding principle, data will be sent first to the state or local public health agencies (in accordance with state law or policies) to ensure rapid initiation of case investigations by the state and/or local public health agency. At the same time, laboratory order results will be shared with ordering providers or patients if there is not an ordering provider.

All laboratories, defined as laboratories, non-laboratory testing locations, and other facilities or locations offering point of care testing or in-home testing related to SARS–CoV–2 shall report data for all testing completed, for each individual tested, within 24 hours of result known or determined, on a daily basis to the appropriate state or local public health agency based on the individual’s residence.

Reporting to the state and/or local public health agencies meets the requirement for reporting stated above as this information—under current processes and policies—will then be subsequently provided electronically to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) using an existing pathway and storage location for the data.

For the purposes of this ICR, federal burden is only being placed on fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and Guam. Authorizing legislation comes from Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241). Total estimated burden is 9,720 hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
State epidemiologist or informatics staff	CDC-provided CSV file or HL7 messages.	54	180	1	9,720
Total	9,720

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