

death, and the death certificate numbers of deceased study subjects.

Using the NDI Plus service, researchers have the option of also receiving cause of death information for deceased subjects, thus reducing the need to request copies of death certificates from the jurisdictions. The NDI Plus option currently provides the International Classification of Disease (ICD) codes for the underlying and multiple causes of death for the years 1979–2021. Health researchers must

complete administrative forms in order to apply for NDI services, and submit records of study subjects for computer matching against the NDI file. A three-year Revision request is submitted to continue the use of the two administrative forms (the Application form and Transmittal form) utilized in the operation of the National Death Index (NDI) program, along with worksheets used to calculate related fees. These forms are submitted by NDI users when applying for use of the NDI

and when actually using the service. In addition, this request includes the three electronic versions that replace the three paper documents, one of which will include a minor reduction in the number of data collection items.

The total estimated annual burden hours are 1,276. This represents an increase of 210 hours from 1,066 due primarily to the increase in applications, and transmittal forms. There is no cost to respondents except for their time.

ESTIMATES OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Researcher .....	Application Form—Electronic .....	282	1	150/60	705
Researcher .....	Transmittal Form—Paper/Electronic	400	3	18/60	360
Researcher .....	Early Transmittal Form—Paper/ Electronic.	100	3	18/60	90
Researcher .....	Fee Worksheet .....	450	1	15/60	113
Researcher .....	Early Release Fee Worksheet .....	100	1	5/60	8
<b>Total</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	<b>1,276</b>

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[60Day–23–0728; Docket No. CDC–2022–0130]

**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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System. The purpose of this data collection is to provide the official source of statistics

in the United States for nationally notifiable conditions.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before January 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2022–0130 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.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 H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Please note:** Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([www.regulations.gov](http://www.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 H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 404–639–7570; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto: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;
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; and

- 5. Assess information collection costs.

**Proposed Project**

National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) (OMB Control No. 0920–0728, Exp. 7/31/2025)—Revision—Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (CSELS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 241) authorizes CDC to disseminate nationally notifiable condition information. The National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) is based on data collected at the state, territorial and local levels because of legislation and regulations in those jurisdictions that require health care providers, medical laboratories, and other entities to submit health-related data on reportable conditions to public health departments. These reportable conditions, which include infectious and non-infectious diseases, vary by jurisdiction depending upon each jurisdiction’s health priorities and needs. Each year, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), supported by CDC, determines which reportable conditions should be designated nationally notifiable or under standardized surveillance.

CDC requests a three-year approval for a Revision for the NNDSS (OMB Control No. 0920–0728, Exp. 07/31/2025). This Revision includes requests for approval to: (1) receive case notification data for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms, a new notifiable condition (NC); (2) receive case notification data for Strongyloidiasis, a new condition under standardized surveillance (CSS); and (3)

receive new disease-specific data elements for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms, *Candida auris*, Melioidosis, Leptospirosis, Brucellosis, Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, and Hepatitis.

The NNDSS currently facilitates the submission and aggregation of case notification data voluntarily submitted to CDC from 60 jurisdictions: public health departments in every U.S. state, New York City, Washington, DC, five U.S. territories (American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and three freely associated states (Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau). This information is shared across jurisdictional boundaries and both surveillance and prevention and control activities are coordinated at regional and national levels.

Approximately 90% of case notifications are encrypted and submitted to NNDSS electronically from already existing databases by automated electronic messages. When automated transmission is not possible, case notifications are faxed, emailed, uploaded to a secure network or entered into a secure website. All case notifications that are faxed or emailed are done so in the form of an aggregate weekly or annual report, not individual cases. These different mechanisms used to send case notifications to CDC vary by the jurisdiction and the disease or condition. Jurisdictions remove most personally identifiable information (PII) before data are submitted to CDC, but some data elements (e.g., date of birth, date of diagnosis, county of residence) could potentially be combined with other information to identify individuals. Private information is not disclosed unless otherwise compelled by law. All data are treated in a secure manner consistent with the technical, administrative, and operational controls required by the Federal Information

Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) and the 2010 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations. Weekly tables of nationally notifiable diseases are available through CDC WONDER and *data.cdc.gov*. Annual summaries of finalized nationally notifiable disease data are published on CDC WONDER and *data.cdc.gov* and disease-specific data are published by individual CDC programs.

The burden estimates include the number of hours that the public health department uses to process and send case notification data from their jurisdiction to CDC. Specifically, the burden estimates include separate burden hours incurred for automated and non-automated transmissions, separate weekly burden hours incurred for modernizing surveillance systems as part of CDC’s Data Modernization Initiative (DMI) implementation, separate burden hours incurred for annual data reconciliation and submission, and separate one-time burden hours incurred for the addition of new diseases and data elements. The burden estimates for the one-time burden for reporting jurisdictions are for the addition of case notification data for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms, a new notifiable condition (NC); Strongyloidiasis, a new condition under standardized surveillance (CSS); and receive new disease-specific data elements for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms, *Candida auris*, Melioidosis, Leptospirosis, Brucellosis, Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, and Hepatitis.

The estimated annual burden for the 257 respondents is 18,354 hours, and has increased slightly from 18,294 to 18,354 due to the additional disease-specific data elements added in this Revision. There are no costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
States	Weekly (Automated)	50	52	20/60	867
States	Weekly (Non-automated)	10	52	2	1,040
States	Weekly (DMI Implementation)	50	52	4	10,400
States	Annual	50	1	75	3,750
States	One-time Addition of Diseases and Data Elements.	50	1	2	100
Territories	Weekly (Automated)	5	52	20/60	87
Territories	Weekly, Quarterly (Non-automated)	5	56	20/60	93
Territories	Weekly (DMI Implementation)	5	52	4	1,040
Territories	Annual	5	1	5	25

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Territories .....	One-time Addition of Diseases and Data Elements.	5	1	2	10
Freely Associated States .....	Weekly (Automated) .....	3	52	20/60	52
Freely Associated States .....	Weekly, Quarterly (Non-automated) .....	3	56	20/60	56
Freely Associated States .....	Annual .....	3	1	5	15
Freely Associated States .....	One-time Addition of Diseases and Data Elements.	3	1	2	6
Cities .....	Weekly (Automated) .....	2	52	20/60	35
Cities .....	Weekly (Non-automated) .....	2	52	2	208
Cities .....	Weekly (DMI Implementation) .....	2	52	4	416
Cities .....	Annual .....	2	1	75	150
Cities .....	One-time Addition of Diseases and Data Elements.	2	1	2	4
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18,354

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Administration for Children and Families****Proposed Information Collection Activity; Evaluation of LifeSet (OMB #0970–0577)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proposing additional information collection activities to assess the implementation of LifeSet, a program that provides services and supports to young adults ages 17 to 21 with previous child welfare involvement. Current data collection activities are approved under this same Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970–0577.

**DATES:** Comments due within 30 days of publication. OMB must make a decision

about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written 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. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description:** The proposed information collection activities are part of the second phase of a study that intends to assess the impact and implementation of LifeSet, a program that provides services and supports to young adults ages 17 to 21 with previous child welfare involvement. The program aims to support young adults in their transition from foster care to independent living in the areas of education, employment and earnings, housing and economic well-being, social support, well-being, health and

safety, and criminal involvement. It focuses on helping young adults identify and achieve their goals while developing the skills necessary for independent living.

The evaluation is part of a larger project to help ACF build the evidence base in child welfare through rigorous evaluation of programs, practices, and policies. The activities and products from this project will contribute to evidence building in child welfare and help to determine the effectiveness of a program for youth formerly in foster care on young adult outcomes.

The implementation study will collect information through video conferences and site visits to the participating program and child welfare agency. Data collection activities for the implementation study began, as previously approved by OMB. Additional protocols are proposed as part of the implementation study. Proposed information collection activities include interviews and focus groups with administrators and staff from the program developer, child welfare agency, and program providers; online survey of program staff; interviews with youth who participated in the program; and focus groups with youth who participated in the program and who received services as usual.

**Respondents:** Program participants, young adults receiving services as usual, agency and program administrators and staff, other program stakeholders.