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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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.

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