

survey. States may select which, if any, optional modules to administer. As needed, CDC provides technical and methodological assistance to state BRFSS coordinators in the construction of their state-specific surveys. Each state administers its BRFSS questionnaire throughout the calendar year.

CDC periodically updates the BRFSS core survey and optional modules. The purpose of this Revision request is to

add the following topics to the questionnaires: COVID vaccination, impact of the COVID pandemic, periodontal disease, additional questions on heart attack and stroke, disaster/pandemic preparedness, veterans' health, and the use of newly available tobacco products. In addition, this request seeks approval for reinstating topics which have been included in BRFSS in the past,

dependent upon state interest and funding.

Participation in BRFSS is voluntary, and there is no cost to participate. The average time burden per response will be 22 minutes. OMB approval is requested for three years. The total time burden requested is for 274,632 annual burden 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 hours
U.S. General Population	Landline Screener	173,000	1	1/60	2,883
	Cell Phone Screener	694,000	1	1/60	11,567
	Field Test Screener	900	1	1/60	15
Annual Survey Respondents (Adults >18 Years).	BRFSS Core Survey by Phone Interview.	480,000	1	15/60	120,000
	BRFSS Optional Modules by Phone Interview.	440,000	1	15/60	110,000
	BRFSS Core Survey by Online Survey.	100,000	1	10/60	16,667
	BRFSS Optional Modules by Online Survey.	80,000	1	10/60	13,333
Field Test Respondents (Adults >18 Years).	Field Test Survey by Phone Interview.	500	1	20/60	167
Total	274,632

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-24-0792; Docket No. CDC-2024-0058]

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 the Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) Program. The goal of this food safety research program is to collect data in retail food establishments that will identify and address environmental factors associated with retail-related foodborne illness and outbreaks.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before October 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2024-0058 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* 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.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (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.

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

Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) Program (OMB Control No. 0920–0792, Exp. 1/31/2025)—Revision—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is requesting a three-year Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) approval for a Revision of this Generic Clearance for data collections to support research focused on identifying and addressing environmental factors associated with foodborne illness

outbreaks and other food safety issues. These data are essential to environmental public health regulators’ efforts to respond more effectively to and prevent future outbreaks and food safety-associated events.

An estimated 47.8 million foodborne illnesses occur annually in the United States, resulting in 127,839 hospitalizations, and 3,037 deaths annually. These figures indicate that foodborne illness is a significant problem in the U.S. Reducing foodborne illness requires identification and understanding of the environmental factors that cause these illnesses—CDC needs to know how and why food becomes contaminated with foodborne illness pathogens. This information can then be used to determine effective food safety prevention methods. Ultimately, these actions can lead to increased regulatory program effectiveness and decreased foodborne illness. The purpose of this food safety research program is to identify and understand environmental factors associated with foodborne illness and outbreaks. This program is conducted by the Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net), a collaborative project of CDC, FDA, USDA, and local and state sites.

Environmental factors associated with foodborne illness include both food safety practices (e.g., inadequate cleaning practices) and the factors in the environment associated with those practices (e.g., worker and retail food establishment characteristics). To understand these factors, we need to collect data from those who prepare

food (i.e., food workers) and on the environments in which the food is prepared (i.e., retail food establishment kitchens). Thus, data collection methods for this generic package include: (1) manager and worker interviews/information collection instruments; and (2) observation of kitchen environments. Both methods allow data collection on food safety practices and environmental factors associated with those practices.

To date, EHS-Net has conducted six studies under this generic clearance. The data from these studies have been disseminated to environmental public health/food safety regulatory programs and the food industry in the form of presentations at conferences and meetings, scientific journal publications, and website postings. Data from these studies have been presented in thirteen articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals, in multiple presentations at national food safety conferences, and on CDC’s website.

The current package is a Revision of the previous PRA clearance from 2021. This package includes the potential for sites to offer incentives to participants in EHS-Net data collection activities. This will not result in an increased cost to the federal government because the cost of incentives is included in the existing EHS-Net cooperative agreement. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 844 annual burden hours. There is no change in the estimated annualized burden hours from the previous PRA clearance and there is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

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)
Retail managers	Manager Telephone Recruiting Script.	889	1	3/60	44
	Manager Interview/Assessment	400	1	30/60	200
	Observation	400	1	30/60	200
Retail food workers	Worker Recruiting/Informed Consent Script.	2,000	1	2/60	67
	Worker Interview/Assessment	2,000	1	10/60	333
Total	844

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0054]

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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 information collection, as
required by the Paperwork Reduction
Act of 1995. This notice invites
comment on a proposed information
collection project titled Adverse Health
Outcomes Associated with Medical
Tourism Surveillance System. This
information collection project will help
CDC detect outbreaks and trends in
cases to identify prevention measures
and improve awareness of risks
associated with medical tourism.

DATES: CDC must receive written
comments on or before October 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by Docket No. CDC-2024-
0054 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*
www.regulations.gov. Follow the
instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information
Collection Review Office, Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600
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data collection as described below.

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collection of information is necessary
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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

Adverse Health Outcomes Associated
with Medical Tourism Surveillance
System—New—National Center for
Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious
Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Millions of Americans travel abroad
each year to get medical care. This
practice of medical tourism is
increasing, with even some U.S.-based
health insurance companies sending
patients abroad for medical care.
Medical tourism has been associated
with a variety of adverse health
outcomes including serious infection,
importation of antibiotic-resistant
pathogens to the United States, and
death. Outbreaks among medical
tourists can be difficult to identify for
many reasons. Complications from
treatment(s) and procedure(s) obtained
abroad are underreported by U.S.
healthcare facilities. Jurisdictions
throughout the United States have
varying policies on reporting medical
tourism-related adverse health events to
CDC that can lead to underreporting
from some jurisdictions. Infections
acquired from health care abroad may
not be locally or nationally reportable.
Currently, there is no national
surveillance system or mechanism for
states to link cases between jurisdictions
for medical tourism-related adverse
health outcomes. This makes it difficult
to identify patients with exposures
linked to the same clinic or provider
abroad since they will be returning to
different parts of the United States.

Collaboration with state and local
health departments is essential to detect
outbreaks, and as a federal entity, CDC
can fulfill this role. The information
collected through this surveillance
system will help CDC detect outbreaks
and trends in cases to identify
prevention measures and improve
awareness of risks associated with
medical tourism. State and local health
departments will conduct surveys and
send them electronically to CDC. Data
collected will be stored in an electronic
database and will be extracted for
further analysis.

CDC requests OMB approval for an
estimated 438 annual burden hours.
There are no costs to respondents other
than their time.