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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-26-0218; Docket No. CDC-2026-
1024]

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 information collection, as
required by the Paperwork Reduction
Act of 1995. This notice invites
comment on a proposed information
collection project titled 2026 Andes
Hantavirus Cruise Passenger and
Traveler Contact Monitoring. This
information collection is designed to
conduct case investigations and active
monitoring of contacts data that are
identified during hantavirus exposure
events in domestic and international
settings, and to analyze epidemiologic,
clinical, and laboratory data for cases
and contacts to characterize the
exposure event.

DATES: CDC must receive written
comments on or before August 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by Docket No. CDC-2026-
1024 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

2026 Andes Hantavirus Cruise
Passenger and Traveler Contact
Monitoring—New—National Center for
Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious
Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Section 361 of the Public Health
Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 264)
authorizes the Secretary of Health and
Human Services to make and enforce
regulations necessary to prevent the
introduction, transmission or spread of
communicable diseases from foreign
countries into the United States. Under
its delegated authority, the Division of
Global Migration Health (DGMH) works
to fulfill this responsibility through a
variety of activities, including the
operation of Port Health Stations at
ports of entry and administration of
foreign quarantine regulations; 42 Code
of Federal Regulation part 71,
specifically 42 CFR 71.20 *Public health
prevention measures to detect
communicable disease.* This
information collection concerns CDC's
statutory and regulatory authority
related to conducting public health
screening of travelers upon arrival to the
United States and assessing individual
travelers for public health risk following
a report of illness from a conveyance.

The purpose of this information
collection is to: (1) conduct case
investigations and active monitoring of
contacts data that are identified during
hantavirus exposure events in domestic
and international settings; (2) analyze
epidemiologic, clinical, and laboratory
data for cases and contacts to
characterize the exposure event, identify
transmission patterns (including
potential person-to-person transmission
for Andes virus), and guide control
strategies; (3) generate reports
describing demographic characteristics,
clinical presentation, and timelines
(*e.g.*, exposure to symptom onset,
symptom onset to detection) to inform
response decision-making; and (4)
inform the development of future
guidance and recommendations for
post-arrival traveler management for
this current outbreak as well as future
outbreaks of high-consequence
pathogens.

CDC is currently sharing case and
contact information as well as public
health assessment of exposure risk to
hantavirus for both passengers and
travelers identified as contacts with
state and local health departments
through existing data-sharing
infrastructure. State and local health
departments utilize the contact
information provided by CDC to
prioritize and identify the level of
follow-up needed based on the level of
risk of exposure to confirmed and
probable cases of hantavirus and
determine if additional targeted public
health measures are necessary.

State/local health department partners are contacting travelers in order to determine if they are symptomatic and require additional screening and testing for hantavirus. The purpose of this data collection using assessment surveys will

be to inform state and local health departments regarding case and contact traveler monitoring activities and help evaluate the usability of this public health risk assessment information provided by CDC for implementation of

appropriate and effective outbreak control measures.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 17,813 annualized burden hours. There is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondent	Information collection tool	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in minutes)	Total burden hours
Cruise ship passengers	Andes hantavirus Canary Island Assessment.	18	35	25/60	263
Cruise ship passengers and high-risk contacts	Andes Virus Guidance Assessment.	65	52	45/60	2,535
Cruise ship passengers and high-risk contacts	Hantavirus 2026 Monitoring Schema Data Elements × 42 days.	65	22 (×42 days)	15/60	15,015
Total	17,813

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of

the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by July 10, 2026.

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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide

information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment.

Information Collection

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Physician Certifications/Recertifications in Skilled Nursing Facilities Manual Instruction;

Use: Section 1814(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires specific certifications in order for Medicare payments to be made for certain services. Before the enactment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA1989, Pub. L. 101-239), section 1814(a)(2) of the Act required that, in the case of posthospital extended care services, a physician certify that the services are or were required to be given because the individual needs or needed, on a daily basis, skilled nursing care (provided directly by or requiring the supervision of skilled nursing personnel) or other skilled rehabilitation services that, as a practical matter, can only be provided in a SNF on an inpatient basis.

The Medicare program requires, as a condition for Medicare Part A payment for posthospital skilled nursing facility