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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 collecting information on those to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic responses; and

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

National Tuberculosis (TB) Laboratory Services Survey—New—National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The purpose of National Tuberculosis (TB) Laboratory Services Survey is to conduct a comprehensive, national update of a prior tuberculosis (TB) laboratory services assessment by collecting current information on U.S. laboratories' capacity, capabilities, and accessibility to deliver high-quality mycobacteriology diagnostic services. An electronic survey will be developed

collaboratively with the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and distributed by APHL via email with an embedded link to no more than 1,000 clinical, commercial, federal, academic medical, and public health laboratories. The survey will collect information on laboratory services, testing methods and volumes, specimen types, referral and reference testing practices, specimen handling and transport, reporting practices, training needs, and proficiency testing and quality assurance. The project aims to assess testing service offerings, volumes, methods, and referral practices, to identify gaps that impede timely, accurate TB diagnosis.

Responses will be collected and analyzed by APHL. All respondent data will be handled securely. Data will be electronically stored on APHL servers. Raw data may be shared with CDC. Any information on specific individuals included on behalf of the organization submitting responses will be removed prior to APHL providing data to CDC. CDC may be engaged in the project by consulting on analysis or interpretation. In addition, aggregate summaries may be provided to CDC after analysis of responses by APHL.

CDC requests OMB approval for a total estimated annual burden of 417 hours. Respondents will not receive federal funds to participate in this project. There are no additional costs to respondents other than their time.

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden hours
Domestic Tuberculosis Laboratory ...	Online Survey Instrument	1,000	1	25/60	417
Total					417

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled 2026 Ebola Passenger Disclosure and Attestation. The purpose of this information collection is to ensure that, consistent with the terms of a pending Order under the Public Health Service Act, public health authorities in the United States can confirm that individuals have not been present in the Democratic Republic

of the Congo (DRC) in the 21 days before arriving in the United States.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before December 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2026–1750 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.

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5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

2026 Ebola Passenger Disclosure and Attestation—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), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Division of Global Migration Health (DGMH) requests an emergency approval for a New information collection. 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, DGMH works to fulfill this responsibility through a variety of activities, including the 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.

On May 17, 2026, an outbreak of Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo

virus was detected in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda. On May 20, 2026, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published *Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan*.

Airlines are instructed to redirect flights carrying persons who have recently traveled from or were otherwise present within DRC, Uganda, and South Sudan in the previous 21 days to specific ports of entry.

CDC within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an Order on May 18, 2026, to suspend entry into the United States of foreign nationals who were physically present in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan in the past 21 days. The Order was amended on May 22, 2026. An Order continuing the suspension of the right to introduce specified foreign nationals into the United States was issued on June 21, 2026, on July 13, 2026, on August 12, 2026, September 11, 2026, and most recently on October 11, 2026.

Additionally, on July 14, 2026, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in consultation with CDC, began restricting air travel for all travelers, including U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals, who had been in DRC in the past 21 days.

This information collection accompanies the Notice and Order requiring that any traveler arriving in the United States from a foreign country submit an attestation confirming they have not been present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in the past 21 days before arrival in the United States. Passengers must complete the attestation as instructed by the airline before being allowed to board a flight to the United States as a public health prevention measure to mitigate the potential spread of a confirmed ongoing outbreak of Ebola virus disease caused by the Bundibugyo virus.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 22,550,200 annual burden hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Traveler	CDC Ebola Attestation	135,300,000	1	5/60	11,275,000
Airline staff	CDC Ebola Attestation	135,300,000	1	5/60	11,275,000
Traveler	Exemption Request (no form)	100	1	2	200

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

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Total					22,550,200

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention**

**Requirement for Attestation for All
Airline or Other Aircraft Passengers
Arriving in the United States From Any
Foreign Country and Controlled Free
Pratique for Airlines Confirming That
Such Passengers Have Not Been in the
Democratic Republic of the Congo in
the Past 21 Days**

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

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention (CDC), a
component of the Department of Health
and Human Services (HHS), announces
it is issuing an Order under Sections
361, 365, 368, and 369 of the Public
Health Service Act, and associated
implementing regulations, prohibiting
the boarding of any passenger who is
not otherwise subject to an exemption
on any aircraft destined to the United
States from a foreign country unless the
passenger presents a signed attestation
confirming the passenger has not been
present in the Democratic Republic of
the Congo (DRC) during the 21 days
prior to boarding a flight to the United
States. This Order was issued on
October 22, 2026, to become effective at
11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)
on November 3, 2026, and shall remain
in effect through 11:59 p.m. EST on
December 18, 2026. This Order may be
amended or rescinded prior to that time
at the discretion of the Secretary or his
designee.

DATES: This action will take effect
November 3, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST.
For individuals intending to travel to
the United States by air, the Order will
apply to flights departing at or after
11:59 p.m. EST on November 3, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
October 22, 2026, the Assistant
Secretary for Health (ASH), HHS, signed
an Order prohibiting the boarding of any
passenger on any aircraft destined to the
United States from a foreign country
unless the passenger presents a signed
attestation in paper or digital format
confirming that the passenger has not
been present in the Democratic Republic
of the Congo (DRC) during the 21 days
prior to boarding a flight to the United
States. This includes any flight arriving
in the United States, regardless of
whether the United States is its final
destination or the flight is connecting
through the United States en route to
another country. The airline or aircraft
operator must retain a copy of the
completed version of the signed
attestation for at least 42 days after the
passenger’s flight departs for the United
States from a foreign country and
provide the attestation to the U.S.
Government upon request.

This Order is effective for a period of
45 days. This Order may be amended or
rescinded prior to that time at the
discretion of the Secretary or his
designee. Any amendment or extension
of this Order will be based on the
current outbreak metrics, including case
counts, geographic spread, community-
transmission indicators, and
containment capacity in affected
countries.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 268, the U.S.
customs officers and U.S. Coast Guard
officers will assist in implementation of
this Order. Other federal departments
and agencies, including the U.S.
Department of Homeland Security and
the U.S. Department of Transportation,
may also cooperate and assist with
implementation of this Order consistent
with their own legal authorities.

This Order shall be enforceable
through the provisions of 18 U.S.C.
3559, 3571; 42 U.S.C. 243, 268, 270,
271; and 42 CFR 71.2. Pursuant to 42
U.S.C. 271, CDC may request the U.S.
Department of Justice seek to prosecute
individuals who knowingly and

willfully submit false attestations in
violation of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

This Order is not a rule within the
meaning of the Administrative
Procedure Act (“APA”) but rather is an
action taken under the existing
authority of 42 U.S.C. 264(a) and 42 CFR
71.20, 71.31(b), and 71.32(b), which
were promulgated in accordance with
the APA after full notice and comment
rulemaking and a delayed effective date.
Separately, HHS/CDC is issuing a
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) notice
related to the attestation form required
under this Order. The PRA notice also
published in today’s issue of the
Federal Register and provides an
opportunity for public comment
through www.regulations.gov.

A copy of the Order is provided below
and a copy of the signed Order can be
found at [https://www.cdc.gov/port-
health/legal-authorities/attestation-
order.html](https://www.cdc.gov/port-health/legal-authorities/attestation-order.html).

**Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC)**
**Department of Health and Human
Services (HHS)**
**Notice and Order Under Sections 361,
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the Past 21 Days**

Summary

Pursuant to 42 CFR 71.20, 71.31(b),
and 71.32(b), and as set forth in greater
detail below, this Notice and Order
prohibit the boarding of any passenger
who is not otherwise subject to an
exemption on any aircraft destined to
the United States from a foreign country
unless the passenger presents:

- A signed attestation in paper or
digital format confirming that the
passenger has not been present in the
Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)
during the 21 days prior to boarding a
flight to the United States.