

number of HIV infections diagnosed. Persons at risk for HIV infection to be interviewed for NHBS include men who have sex with men (MSM), persons who inject drugs (PWID), and heterosexually active persons at increased risk of HIV infection (HET). A brief screening interview will be used to determine eligibility for participation in the behavioral assessment. The data from the behavioral assessment will provide estimates of: (1) behavior related to the risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases; (2) prior testing for HIV; and (3) use of HIV prevention services.

All persons interviewed will also be offered an HIV test and will participate in a pre-test counseling session. No other federal agency systematically collects this type of information from persons at risk for HIV infection. These data have substantial impact on prevention program development and monitoring at the local, state, and national levels. In each MSA, CDC estimates that NHBS will involve eligibility screening for 125 persons and eligibility screening plus the behavioral assessment with 500 eligible respondents, resulting in a total of 31,500 eligible survey respondents and

7,875 ineligible screened persons during the three-year approval period. Data collection will rotate such that interviews will be conducted among one group per year: MSM in Year 1, PWID in Year 2, and HET in Year 3. The type of data collected for each group will vary slightly due to different sampling methods and risk characteristics of the group.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated total of 3,398 annual burden hours. There is no cost to the 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) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Persons Screened .....      | Eligibility Screener .....       | 13,125                | 1                                  | 3/60                                   | 656                     |
| Eligible Participants ..... | Behavioral Assessment MSM .....  | 3,500                 | 1                                  | 13/60                                  | 758                     |
| Eligible Participants ..... | Behavioral Assessment PWID ..... | 3,500                 | 1                                  | 17/60                                  | 992                     |
| Eligible Participant .....  | Behavioral Assessment HET .....  | 3,500                 | 1                                  | 15/60                                  | 875                     |
| Peer Recruiters .....       | Recruiter Debriefing .....       | 3,500                 | 1                                  | 2/60                                   | 117                     |
| <b>Total .....</b>          |                                  |                       |                                    |  | <b>3,398</b>            |

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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##### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “NCEZID Rapid Message Testing & Development System” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on June 16, 2025, to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC did not receive comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) 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;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) 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 submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570. 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. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

##### Proposed Project

Rapid Message Testing & Development System (OMB Control No. 0920-1432)—reinstatement—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

##### Background and Brief Description

CDC’s National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID) offers numerous powerful resources to anticipate, prevent, and address outbreaks of infectious diseases. From researchers to emergency responders; from laboratories to surveillance of mobile populations; from collaborations at the federal level to partnerships at the local level, NCEZID keeps people safe from threats like anthrax, Ebola virus, Zika virus,

sepsis, mpox, and foodborne illnesses like *Salmonella*. These efforts are vital to protect and save lives.

The ability to effectively communicate with the public about these threats is one of NCEZID's most vital roles. Particularly during an outbreak, it is critical that the public understands what is happening, and why, and that the public trusts and follows public health leaders' guidance. Recent public health responses to COVID-19 and mpox have underscored the need to improve the speed and content of health communications, particularly among populations at

higher risk for zoonotic and infectious diseases.

The Rapid Message Testing & Message Development System will enable NCEZID to collect information vital to the development of clear, salient, relevant, appealing, and persuasive messages related to outbreaks and other emerging and zoonotic diseases. This system will also allow for the relatively rapid testing of messages when the need arises within NCEZID, prior to the dissemination of those messages and associated communications materials. Data will guide revisions to existing or draft messages, inform the development

of new messages, and otherwise enable message developers to make optimal decisions about message content, format, and dissemination so that NCEZID's messages effectively reach and resonate with their intended audiences. Data collection methods proposed for this System include in-depth interviews, online or in-person focus groups, and online surveys.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 3,431 annual burden hours. 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) |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Online surveys .....  | Content question bank .....   | 10,000                | 1                                  | 10/60                                  |
| (general public) .....  | Screening question bank ..... | 720                   | 1                                  | 5/60                                   |
| Online in-depth interview screening (healthcare and specialty audiences). | Content question bank .....   | 72                    | 1                                  | 1                                      |
| Online in-depth interviews (healthcare and specialty audiences).          | Screening question bank ..... | 2,880                 | 1                                  | 5/60                                   |
| Online focus group screening (general public) .....                       | Content question bank .....   | 288                   | 1                                  | 2                                      |
| Online focus groups (general public) .....                                | Screening question bank ..... | 2,880                 | 1                                  | 5/60                                   |
| Online focus group screening (healthcare and specialty audiences).        | Content question bank .....   | 288                   | 1                                  | 2                                      |
| Online focus groups (healthcare and specialty audiences).                 | Content question bank .....   |                       |                                    |  |

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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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled National HIV Prevention Program Monitoring and Evaluation (NHM&E). NHM&E collects standardized HIV prevention program evaluation data from health departments and community-based organizations (CBOs) who receive federal funds for HIV prevention activities.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before January 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2025-0751 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