

as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted.

### Background

Public comment will help CDC's understanding of stakeholders' values and preferences regarding pain management and will complement CDC's ongoing work assessing the need for updating or expanding the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, published in 2016 (available in the Supporting Materials tab of the docket and at: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/rr/rr6501e1.htm>). Please note that HHS/CDC is also planning opportunities for stakeholder engagements and conversations on these topics. These have been postponed because of COVID-19 but will be announced in a future **Federal Register** Notice when they are rescheduled.

More information about CDC's assessment of the need for updating or expanding the Guideline and the establishment of a federal advisory committee workgroup to provide expert input and observations to CDC on the possible Guideline update or expansion is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/bsc/opioid-workgroup-2019.html>. If the Guideline is updated or expanded, CDC would request public comment on the draft document through a notice in the **Federal Register** prior to final publication.

Anyone who would like to receive information related to CDC's ongoing work specific to drug overdose prevention (including the ongoing response to the opioid overdose epidemic) as well as other updates (e.g., pertaining to resources and tools) may sign up at [www.cdc.gov/emailupdates](http://www.cdc.gov/emailupdates) and select topics of interest. Available offerings include:

- Subscription Topics: Injury, Violence & Safety
- Subtopic: Drug Overdose News

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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 "The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)" 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 October 22, 2019 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received two anonymous non-substantive 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

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0607, Exp. 11/30/2020)—Revision — National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Background and Brief Description

Violence is a public health problem. The World Health Organization has estimated that 804,000 suicides and 475,000 homicides occurred in the year 2012 worldwide. Violence in the United States is a particular problem for the young; suicide and homicide were among the top four leading causes of death for Americans 10–34 and 1–34 years of age in 2015, respectively. In 2002 Congress approved the first appropriation to start the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). NVDRS is coordinated and funded at the federal level but is dependent on separate data collection efforts managed by the state health department (or their bona fide agent) in each state.

NVDRS, implemented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a state-based surveillance system developed to monitor the occurrence of violent deaths (i.e., homicide, suicide, undetermined deaths, and unintentional firearm deaths) in the United States (U.S.) by collecting comprehensive, detailed, useful, and timely data from multiple sources (e.g., death certificates, coroner/medical examiner reports, law enforcement reports) into a useable, anonymous database. NVDRS is an ongoing surveillance system that captures annual violent death counts and circumstances that precipitate each violent incident. Data on violent death is defined as a death resulting from the intentional use of physical force or power (e.g., threats or intimidation) against oneself, another person, or against a group or community. CDC aggregates de-identified data from each state into one large national database that is analyzed and released in annual reports and publications. Descriptive analyses such as frequencies and rates are employed. A restricted access

database is available for researchers to request access to NVDRS data for analysis and a web-based query system is open for public use that allows for electronic querying of data. NVDRS generates public health surveillance information at the national, state, and local levels that is more detailed, useful, and timely. Government, state and local communities have used NVDRS data to develop and evaluate prevention programs and strategies. NVDRS is also used to understand magnitude, trends, and characteristics of violent death and what factors protect people or put them at risk for experiencing violence.

Since 2004 and throughout 2017, CDC has received OMB approval for NVDRS. This is a revision request for an

additional three years to (1) implement updates to the web-based system to improve performance, functionality, and accessibility, (2) add new data elements to the system and minimal revisions to the NVDRS coding manual. In 2018, the NVDRS expanded by adding 10 new states and now all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico participate in the system. Each state, District of Columbia, and U.S. territory (referred to hereinafter as “states”) is funded to abstract standard data elements from three primary data sources: Death certificates, coroner/medical examiner records, and law enforcement records into a web-based data entry system, supplied by CDC.

This is an ongoing surveillance system that captures annual violent death counts and circumstances that precipitate each violent incident. CDC aggregates de-identified data from each state into one national database that is analyzed and released in annual reports and other publications. Descriptive analyses such as frequencies and rates will be employed. A restricted access database is available for researchers to request access to NVDRS data for analysis and a web-based query system is open for public use that allows for electronic querying of data. The estimated annual burden hours are 36,540. There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Public Agencies .....	Web-based Data Entry .....	56	1,305	30/60

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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 and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Patient Module for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Surveillance

in Healthcare Facilities. Two modules will be added within NHSN to capture the daily, aggregate impact of COVID-19 on healthcare facilities and monitor medical capacity to respond at local, state, and national levels.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before June 16, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2020-0038 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** *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-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to *Regulations.gov*.

**Please note:** Submit all comments through the *Federal eRulemaking portal (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-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 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 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; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,