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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

School Dismissal Monitoring System (OMB Control No. 0920-0849 Expiration 5/31/2013)—Revision—National Center Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

In the spring of 2009, the beginning of H1N1 influenza pandemic, illness among school-aged students (K-12) in many states and cities resulted in at least 1,351 school dismissals due to rapidly increasing absenteeism among students or staff. These dismissals impacted at least 824,966 students and 53,217 teachers. During that time, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) received numerous daily requests about the overall number of school dismissals nationwide and the number of students and teachers impacted by the school dismissals. CDC and ED recognized the importance of having a mechanism in place to collect this information and gauge the impact of school dismissals during the pandemic. Although an informal process was put in place in conjunction with ED to track school closures, there was no formal monitoring system established. Consequently, CDC and ED launched the School Dismissal Monitoring System to track reports of school closures during public health emergencies and generate accurate, real-time, national summary data daily on the number of closed schools and the number of students and teachers impacted by the dismissals. The system, initially approved under OMB Control No. 0920-0008, Emergency Epidemic Investigations, facilitates CDC's and ED's efforts to track implementation of CDC pandemic guidance, characterize factors associated with differences in morbidity and mortality

due to pandemic influenza in the schools and surrounding communities, and describe the characteristics of the schools experiencing outbreaks as well as control measures undertaken by those schools. In the fall of 2009, CDC's School Dismissal Monitoring System detected 1,947 school dismissals impacting approximately 623,616 students and 40,521 teachers nationwide. These data were used widely throughout the U.S. Government for situational awareness and specifically at CDC to assess the impact of CDC guidance and community mitigation efforts in response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic.

The purpose of this monitoring system is to continue to generate accurate, real-time, national summary data daily on the number of school dismissals and the number of students and teachers impacted by the dismissals due to public health emergencies. This collection request includes dismissals initiated for infectious disease outbreaks or weather related events when school dismissals are recommended by federal, state or local public health authorities. Respondents for this data collection are individuals representing schools, school districts, and public health agencies. CDC has determined that the information to be collected is necessary to study the impact of a public health emergency as it relates to community mitigation activities. The information has been used to help understand how

CDC's guidance on school dismissals has been implemented at the state and local levels nationwide and to help determine how this guidance might be more helpful in the future.

Respondents are required to identify their respective institutions by providing non-sensitive information, to include the name and zip code of schools and school districts and their dates of closure, as well as reason for the dismissal (due to illness rates among students and staff or pre-emptive to slow the spread of infection). The respondents have the option of providing their position titles, phone number of the institution they represent, and email address. The estimates for burden hours are derived from the 627 total number of reported closures during the fall in 2009. We have multiplied that number by four as an estimate for a calendar year. Respondents are providing this information as public health and education officials and representatives of their agencies and organizations and not as private citizens. The data collection does not involve personally identifiable information and should have no impact on an individual's privacy. There is no cost to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden is 208 hours.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondent	Form Name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
School, school district, or health department	School Dismissal Monitoring System Reporting Form	2500	1	5/60

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