

Significantly Likely to Become a Public Health Emergency Waiver Notice

Pursuant to section 319(f) of the PHS Act, Secretary Alex M. Azar II determined that, as the result of the potential consequences of novel coronavirus 2019 (nCoV-2019), a Significantly Likely to Become a Public Health Emergency (SLPHE) has existed in the nation since January 17, 2020. The Secretary's determination to declare a SLPHE was made after consultation with public health officials as necessary. As result of a SLPHE, the Secretary also determined pursuant to section 319(f) of the PHE Act that the circumstances necessitate a waiver from the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*, effective as of the date of this notice. The waiver is justified to collect information to support the Department's preparation for and response to nCoV-2019. This waiver applies to information related to enhanced public health entry risk assessments at targeted U.S. ports of entry.

Pursuant to the waiver, the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.* shall not be applicable with respect to voluntary collection of information during the effective time period.

The Paperwork Reduction Act waiver is effective as of January 17, 2020 and is anticipated to remain in effect throughout the time period to necessary to determine if the disease or disorder is a public health emergency.

Any initiative subject to this waiver that is ongoing after the termination of the effective period shall be subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act within 30 days of expiration of the waiver. The waiver applies to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This notice will be updated as needed.

Addendum

This Paperwork Reduction Act waiver is terminated effective March 18, 2020.