Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Evaluating the Impact of Non-pharmaceutical Measures on the Incidence of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) among K-12 Students in the United States


Please note the very short timeline.

**FOA#:** RFA-CK-16-005

This project aims to assess the impact of social distancing measures of interest that are implemented alone and/or in combination with improved personal and/or environmental hygiene practices on the incidence of influenza-like illness (ILI) and laboratory-confirmed influenza among K-12 school students and in surrounding communities in the United States. Applicant organizations will design and implement a cluster randomized controlled trial to evaluate the impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) on ILI and laboratory-confirmed influenza rates in one or more kindergarten through grade 12 schools.

Social distancing measures of interest include but are not limited to: (a) reductions in class size, and (b) reductions in the duration of time that students must physically spend at school during the school day. Supplementary social distancing measures, such as limiting afterschool activities that promote close contact may also be studied. Improved personal and environmental hygiene practices of interest include, but are not limited to: (a) hand washing, (b) use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and (c) cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

Applicants are expected to establish partnerships that would facilitate successful implementation of the project (including partnerships with schools, school districts, local or state health departments, local and state health officials).

The estimated total funding for the first year has a ceiling of $500,000 per award. The project period will run from 09/01/2016 to 08/31/2020.
LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION
Only one application per institution (normally identified by having a unique DUNS number) is allowed.

KEY DATES
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by November 30, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is January 15, 2016.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Associate Vice President for Research, Director of ORD, for more information.

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