Statement from Acting OMB Director Robert Fairweather

Budgetary Impact Analysis for Executive Order Entitled
“Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats”

This executive order directs the heads of all executive departments and agencies to facilitate the gathering, sharing, and publication of COVID-19-related data, in coordination with the Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President (COVID-19 Response Coordinator), to the extent permitted by law, and with appropriate protections for confidentiality, privacy, law enforcement, and national security. Implementing this executive order would have no impact on costs and revenues to the Federal Government. The benefits of this executive order include assisting Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial authorities in developing and implementing policies to facilitate informed community decision-making, to further public understanding of the pandemic and the response, and to deter the spread of misinformation and disinformation. Implementing this executive order would have no impact on mandatory and discretionary obligations and outlays, as well as on revenues to the Federal Government, in the 5-year fiscal period beginning in fiscal year 2021. The agencies anticipated to be impacted by this executive order include all executive departments and agencies.