Statement from Acting OMB Director Robert Fairweather

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Budgetary Impact Analysis for Executive Order Entitled
“Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats”

This executive order establishes an interagency COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board, facilitates the provision of COVID-19 testing supplies, and requires the establishment of a public health workforce strategy. Implementing this executive order would have de minimis impact on costs and revenues to the Federal Government. The benefits of this executive order include establishing a national COVID-19 testing and public health workforce strategy, expanding the supply of tests, working to bring test manufacturing to the United States and to enhance laboratory testing capacity, advancing the public health workforce, and ensuring clarity of messaging about the use of tests and insurance coverage. Implementing this executive order would have de minimis 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 the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, the Treasury, Education, Homeland Security, and other relevant agencies.