



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Microbiome Subcommittee of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice; 1st public meeting of the Microbiome Subcommittee of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that an in-person meeting is scheduled to be held for the Microbiome Subcommittee of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB).

DATES: The meeting is scheduled to be held on September 2, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM ET (times are tentative and subject to change). The confirmed times and agenda items for the meeting will be posted on the website for the PACCARB at <http://www.hhs.gov/paccarb> when this information becomes available.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in-person at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C., 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah McClelland, M.P.H., Designated Federal Officer, Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, E-mail: CARB@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB), established by Executive Order 13676, is continued by Section 505 of Public Law 116-22, the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 (PAHPAIA). Activities and duties of the PACCARB are governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

The PACCARB shall advise and provide information and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) regarding programs and policies intended to reduce or combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria that may present a public health threat and improve capabilities to prevent, diagnose, mitigate, or treat such resistance. The PACCARB shall function solely for advisory purposes.

Such advice, information, and recommendations may be related to improving: the effectiveness of antibiotics; research and advanced research on, and the development of, improved and innovative methods for combating or reducing antibiotic resistance, including new treatments, rapid point-of-care diagnostics, alternatives to antibiotics, including alternatives to animal antibiotics, and antimicrobial stewardship activities; surveillance of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections, including publicly available and up-to-date information on resistance to antibiotics; education for health care providers and the public with respect to up-to-date information on antibiotic resistance and ways to reduce or combat such resistance to antibiotics related to humans and animals; methods to prevent or reduce the transmission of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections; including stewardship programs; and coordination with respect to international efforts in order to inform and advance the United States capabilities to combat antibiotic resistance.

The focus of the September 2, 2026, meeting will be on current trends and gaps in microbiome science. The meeting will focus on innovative and emerging topics in antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the microbiome. Written public comments can be e-mailed to CARB@hhs.gov by

midnight August 31, 2026, and should be limited to no more than one page. All public comments received prior to September 2, 2026, will be provided to the subcommittee members.

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