

From our President, Dr. Isiac Jackson, Jr.:

This is a message from Kyra Roby our Census Partner. Please make sure all of the members of your churches participate in the Census. It is very important for all of our communities. **COMPLETE THE CENSUS FORMS!!!**

Dear Census Partner,

My goal is to provide you with weekly 2020 Census updates to help keep you informed of current Census Bureau operational processes and address frequently asked questions/concerns from partners from the week.

COVID-19: On Wednesday, March 18th, US. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham announced the suspension of 2020 Census field operations until April 1, 2020. His announcement can be found here: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2020/operational-update.html> . During this suspension, Partnership Specialists are still available to support you in any way that we can. We are currently in a 100% work from home status. Please feel free to call or e-mail me at any time.

SELF-RESPONSE: The 2020 Census website is live! Households can respond to the 2020 Census here: <https://my2020census.gov/> . Remember, it's quick and easy to respond, and all responses are safe, secure, and confidential. Some households have received at least two communications from the Census Bureau. If a household has completed the questionnaire and has received a subsequent mailing from us, it is okay to disregard the subsequent communications. The subsequent mailing was probably on the way to the household before the online/phone response was submitted.

If for some reason (there a couple of reasonable explanations for this), a household has not received a letter in the mail, you can still encourage them to respond on-line. The attached flyer provides details about responding on-line without the unique identifier provided on the letter.

Also, for households with limited internet access or for households who choose not to respond online, you can encourage them to respond by phone. The number for English speakers is 1-844-330-2020. The number for Spanish speakers is 1-844-468-2020. The complete list of phone numbers can be found here: <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html> .

RESPONSE RATES: Beginning March 20th, you can view self-response rates for your community here: <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> .

APRIL 1ST IS CENSUS DAY, BUT IT ISN'T THE LAST DAY TO RESPOND: We've heard that in some communities, individuals believe that April 1st is the last day

to respond to the 2020 Census. The planned completion date for data collection is July 31, 2020.

2020 CENSUS AND STIMULUS: We've seen text messages concerning the 2020 Census and a \$1,000 stimulus disbursement related to COVID-19. This information was not provided by the Census Bureau. Please tell your coworkers, family, friends, and community members to disregard those messages! We do not know where they originated. It is false information.

2020 CENSUS OUTREACH: We are continuing to brainstorm ideas for continuing 2020 Census outreach and engaging with new and existing partners during this time. I've seen social media posts from our partners, and I've participated in conference calls with partners. Thanks for your continued support!

Best,

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