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Good afternoon, partners across West MI.

Throughout the past months I have had the privilege of reaching out to you all in various ways seeking help to promote the 2020 Census. I have greatly appreciated all your support and efforts to make sure our community members are not missed.

To keep everyone up to date, especially as timelines change during the COVID-19 pandemic, I will plan to send out emails like this one. If there is a different person to whom you would like me to send these emails, please let me know.

The main update I wanted to pass along is that [2020 Census field operations are suspended until April 15](#). Other 2020 Census operations have had their timelines modified including extending the period to when residents can respond to the census to August 14. I have attached the latest timeline. I do suspect there will be additional changes and will be sure to pass those along as well.

Community members can still respond to the Census by going [online](#), calling, or mailing their questionnaire when it's mailed to them (most will receive around mid-April). Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, however, there is limited staff at call centers leading to longer wait times for those responding by phone. If you are curious how your community is responding to the 2020 Census, we have a [website](#) displaying response rates that are updated daily.

I know we have many responsibilities that are on our plate right now. If at any point you would like to meet virtually, talk by phone, or email, please know that I am available to assist in whatever way that I can.

Please take care and be safe. Thank you for all you are doing for our community members during this challenging time.

Respectfully,

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2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19

The 2020 Census is underway and households across America are responding every day. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of Census Bureau employees and the American public.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

The table below summarizes the adjustments to operations. Should any additional adjustment become necessary, the Census Bureau will promptly publish the change in an updated document.

STATUS OF CURRENT OPERATIONS

| Activity/Operation | Planned Schedule | Adjustment | Revised Schedule |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Self-Response Phase The public is strongly encouraged to respond online. (Options for responding by phone or mail are also available.) | March 12–July 31 | Extended | March 12–August 14 |
| Update Leave Census takers will drop off invitations at the front doors of 5 million households. These households can respond online now—even without their invitation—by providing their address. | March 15–April 17 | Delayed | March 29–May 1 |
| Update Enumerate Census takers will interview about 2,000 households in remote parts of northern Maine and southeast Alaska. They're interviewing people outside their home, allowing 6 feet of space between one another. | March 16–April 30 | Suspended and extended | March 16–May 14 |

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| Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Census Bureau staff will assist people with responding online at places such as grocery stores and community centers. | March 30–July 31 | Delayed | April 13–August 14 |
| Early Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) Census takers will follow up with households that haven't responded yet around some colleges and universities. | April 9–July 31 | Delayed | May 7–August 14 |
| Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) and NRFU Reinterview Census takers will interview households in person that have not responded online, by phone, or by mail. | May 13–July 31 | Delayed | May 28–August 14 |
| Group Quarters Enumeration We're encouraging administrators of facilities like nursing homes, prisons, and student housing to choose an option for counting their residents that requires less in-person contact. | April 2–June 5 | Delayed | April 16–June 19 |
| Service-Based Enumeration We're working with service providers at soup kitchens, shelters, and regularly scheduled food vans to count the people they serve. | March 30–April 1 | Delayed | April 29–May 1 |

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| Census counts people experiencing homelessness outdoors Census takers will count people under bridges, in parks, in all-night businesses, etc. | April 1 | Delayed | May 1 |
| Enumeration of Transitory Locations Census takers count people staying at campgrounds, RV parks, marinas, and hotels if they do not usually live elsewhere. | April 9–May 4 | Delayed | April 23–May 18 |
| Deliver apportionment counts to the President By law, the Census Bureau will deliver each state's population total, which determines its number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. | By December 31 | On schedule | By December 31 |
| Deliver redistricting counts to states By law, the Census Bureau will deliver the local counts each state needs to complete legislative redistricting. | By April 1, 2021 | On schedule | By April 1, 2021 |