

## TALKING POINTS ON HOW 2020 CENSUS BENEFITS YOUR COMMUNITY

- Census responses inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed annually to communities over the next decade for critical public programs and services like fire departments, emergency response, healthcare, roads and bridges, enforcement of civil rights laws, schools and education.
- An accurate count in the 2020 Census means our community gets the funding it needs for services and programs for the next 10 years such as emergency response, hospitals, schools, nutrition assistance, housing, agricultural extension programs and experiment stations, and rural infrastructure. This does not even include all the programs that help low-income people pay for healthcare, put food on the table, or keep a roof over their heads.
- Your response to the 2020 Census is important for first responders like firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement, as well for the people we serve. Your responses help us decide where to expand services and how to best plan for major emergencies like natural disasters and help us secure new equipment and resources. In rural and other areas with resources stretched thin, this funding can help us literally go the extra mile.
- COVID-19 has shown that a healthy healthcare system is critical to the future of our community. Whether in response to a national pandemic, a routine check-up, a local hospital visit or the availability of Medicaid and Medicare, healthcare services are important for our community's well-being. Many healthcare services rely on population statistics collected by the census. That is just one of many reasons your response to the 2020 Census is so important. By responding, you help lawmakers decide how to fund healthcare and other programs, including new hospitals and health clinics, medical research, and health insurance for children.
- An accurate count in the 2020 Census will help ensure means our community gets the funding it needs for services and programs for the next 10 years such as emergency response, hospitals, schools, nutrition assistance, housing, agricultural extension programs and experiment stations, and rural infrastructure. This does not even include all the programs that help low-income people pay for healthcare, put food on the table, or keep a roof over their heads.
- Your response to the 2020 Census is important for hospitals, health clinics, and other health and wellness programs and services. Census statistics are used to decide where facilities should be opened and help providers apply for important grants.