

2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS IS NOW OPEN

March 23, 2020 – Do you find yourself needing something to do during this time of social distancing? District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) strongly urges community members to take time to complete the 2020 United States Census!

Since 1790, constitutional law requires a count of all persons living in the United States every 10 years. That said, the 2020 census is now open for completion at www.2020census.gov.

The census is important because it provides a snapshot of the nation- who residents are, where they live, and much more. Over the next 10 years, knowing the number of people living in a specific community will help provide community and program funding from the federal level, determine governmental representation, and help guide responses to community specific needs. Census data is safe and secure by federal law. Law enforcement, landlords, agencies and individuals do not have access to any of the information shared.

Please be sure to count everyone who lives in a home. If someone is temporarily displaced due to COVID-19, they should count where they normally live (including college address if normally at college). If a person is not sure where they normally live, they may count where they are living on April 1st, 2020.

“There’s a great need to know how many people are living in each community and we’re highly encouraging people to take 10 minutes to go online, call 844-330-2020, or respond to the paper form some homes received in the mail from the census,” said Sally Mellema, Health Education Program Coordinator for DHD#10. “People can fill out the census in whichever way is most convenient for them. 10 minutes of your time will help assure communities get the resources they need for years to come.”

For more information about the census visit www.2020census.gov

About DHD #10

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention. Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program, Healthy Families Northern Michigan, Children's Special Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Worksite Wellness, Smoking Cessation, Substance Use Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Environmental Health Services. DHD #10 serves Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford counties. For more information, visit www.dhd10.org.

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