

2020 Census Guidelines

Protecting yourself from COVID-19

You can protect yourself from respiratory illness by following the guidelines below and practicing healthy hygiene habits.

- Do not attempt to make contact at structures. All cases are to be conducted by observation. Look for indications of additional living quarters.
- Should you be asked by a respondent about the reason for your visit, provide a Confidentiality Notice, show your badge, and reply to the respondent with the following, *“I am with the United States Census Bureau. I am updating the Census Bureau’s address list and maps and delivering a 2020 Census questionnaire package to some housing units.”*
- Should you encounter a respondent, allow a distance of six-feet between you and the respondent.
- Avoid direct contact with respondents. Avoid shaking hands with respondents and use other noncontact methods of greeting.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- When possible avoid contact with high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, doorknobs, tables, and handrails.
- Wash or sanitize your hands after touching surfaces in public places.

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