

# An Important 2020 Census Message

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This is an important message about a small step you can take that will make a big difference for Delaware Tribe. *The 2020 Census is underway, and it is critical that everyone in the American Indian community is counted as census responses will be the basis for funding for critical public services for the next 10 years.* You can help by making sure every single person in our tribe is counted,--from babies to elders

The COVID-19 situation has underscored the need for public services we rely on every day and especially during a crisis like this, from emergency management, to health clinics, to food assistance. The 2020 Census results will help determine how **hundreds of billions of federal dollars** will be used to support programs and services for the next 10 years.

Our programs, grant requests, and advocates need accurate numbers to tell our story. If our people are not fully counted, our story is not complete and we risk losing out on the critical funding we need.

We are partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to get this count right, but we need your help. Although the Census Bureau paused visits to tribal areas in March, we are now working with them on the right time to resume their visits to our community.

Filling out the census takes just a few minutes. You can respond online or, if you prefer, you can respond by phone or return the paper form in the mail. It's easy and completely confidential. The responses are not shared with law enforcement and, by law, cannot be used against you in any way.

The Census Bureau looks at household data by race. For your household to be counted as American Indian, be sure to list an adult who identifies as American Indian as the first person. The form also allows you to tell the Census Bureau the name or names of the tribes in which you and others in the household are members. Be sure to list the tribe as "**Delaware Tribe**" to distinguish it from the Delaware Nation.

The time is now to help our tribal count in the 2020 Census. If you have not already done so, please take a minute to fill out the census. **It is important!**

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