OPERATIONAL UPDATE AS OF 4/13:

The Census Bureau temporarily suspended 2020 Census field data collection activities in March. Steps are already being taken to reactivate field offices beginning June 1, 2020, in preparation for the resumption of field data collection operations as quickly as possible following June 1.

Under this plan, the Census Bureau would extend the window for field data collection and self-response to October 31, 2020, which will allow for apportionment counts to be delivered to the President by April 30, 2021, and redistricting data to be delivered to the states no later than July 31, 2021.

The deadline for self response online, by phone or by returning the paper questionnaire has been extended to October 31.

- The Update/Leave operation, which is the hand-delivery of census packets to about 6.2 million primarily rural households, plus most (not all) American Indian reservations, has been delayed to June 13-July 9.
- Group Quarters will be delayed to April 2-September 3.
- Enumeration of Transitory Locations has been tentatively been delayed to September 3–September 28.
- Non-Response Follow-Up via E-Response & paper enumeration has been delayed to August 11-October 31.
- The Mobile Questionnaire Assistance operation is under review.
- The American Community Survey and other surveys have discontinued in-person visits to households that don't self-respond on-line or using a paper questionnaire. (Note: Under the ACS design, only a sample of non-responding households receive a follow-up visit.) All 9,000 field representatives working on the ACS and other ongoing surveys are working to make connections by phone instead.

HOWEVER, during this period, households can still respond to the 2020 Census in the comfort of their home. Just a reminder, the self-response portal is live NOW at my2020census.gov. During this time, remind folks that they can self-respond online, by phone, or by mail.