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THE MEA URGES ALL NEW YORKERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS

“Once every ten years, the United States Census takes a count of every person in the United States. The taking of the census is mandated by the United States Constitution and has occurred every 10 years since 1790.

But the census is so much more than just a count. Census information is used to determine New York City’s fair share of \$650 billion in federal funds for public education, public housing, infrastructure, and more – as well as the number of seats we have in Congress.

In the 2010 Census, the city’s self-response rate was less than 62%, compared to the national average of 76%.

By mid-March of 2020, every household in the United States will receive a letter from the Census Bureau with information about how to fill out the census online. During the self-response-only period, the census will be available online and by phone for the first time in history. At the end of the self-response-only phase the Census Bureau will send paper forms to households which have not responded online.

In approximately mid-May, the Census Bureau will begin to send enumerators, or ‘door-knockers’, to conduct non-response follow-ups for households that have still not completed the census. If no one answers the door after several attempts, the enumerators will either use administrative records or proxies to try to determine the information for that household.”

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