Why the Census Matters to People with Disabilities

- Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts every person living in the U.S. and its territories.
- The Census asks each individual in your household’s name, gender, birth date, race, and ethnicity.
- This information is used to determine billions of dollars in funding for important services like Medicaid, Medicare, social security, public transportation, and other programs for people with disabilities.
- Information is also used to determine fair representation in Congress.
- The Census Bureau considers people with disabilities hard to count, so it has taken steps to make the 2020 census more accessible.

Census Schedule and Accessibility Options

- Beginning in mid-March, you can respond online or by phone.
- The online questionnaire follows web accessibility standards, is available in 12 languages, and includes a ASL video guide.
- Census accessibility options also include TDD at 1-844-467-2020.
- If you have not completed the online or phone questionnaire by mid-April, you will receive one in the mail with braille and large print guides.
- In May, census workers will visit households that have not yet responded. You can request to be visited by a worker who communicates in ASL or other languages, if preferred.
- You can also choose someone you trust to help you complete the questionnaire or communicate with the census worker.

For more information go to www.DRTx.org/en/2020census or visit the Census Bureau at www.2020census.gov
Counting People in Group Facilities

- People who live in group homes, residential treatment centers, prisons, homeless shelters, and skilled nursing centers will not receive a direct invitation to respond to the census but can ask their housing administrator if they are not sure whether they have been counted.

- Census staff will work with facility housing administrators to set up specific times to meet with them and gather information on their residents.

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