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A Message from the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System

Hello,

We are writing to remind you to take the 2020 Census because it is so important for the future of our community. Completing the 2020 Census and the benefits of counting every person in the U.S., especially those who live in our community, cannot be overstated.

The Decennial Census only occurs every 10 years...and now is that time. Census data is used to determine how billions of dollars in federal funding will be annually distributed to communities across the country to support vital programs impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, libraries and public policies. The data is also used to redraw the boundaries of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A complete count in Erie County is extremely important now, more than ever, as the data can and will be used to determine economic relief for years to come to individuals, families and businesses in a post-COVID-19 world.

All responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law and cannot be shared or used against you. Your responses are used only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau does not and legally cannot disclose any personal information.

You can visit any of the open Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries to use a secure public computer to respond online or ask questions of library staff. You can also take the Census from home at <https://my2020census.gov/>, or by phone at 1-844-330-2020. The Census Bureau offers phone support in English and 13 other

languages and online resources in English and 59 other languages to ensure that everyone can respond.

Erie County is currently leading the state in self-response rate. We must continue to build upon that momentum and keep working until we have a 100% response rate across the Buffalo Niagara region, which cannot be done without your help. Please encourage your friends, neighbors and coworkers to take a moment to complete the 2020 Census and help make Buffalo Niagara count.

Thank you!

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