# Basic Census Facts

# THE CENSUS IS FOR EVERYBODY

* Every 10 years, every person living in the US is counted without regard to where they live, immigration status, income, age, etc.
* EVERYONE living in a household, apartment building, group home, prison, college dorm or outdoors as of April 1, 2020 must be counted.
* Children living in foster care or with grandparents are counted where they live as of April 1.
* Census Count begins March 2020 ends July 2020

# THE CENSUS MATTERS

* Census determines how BILLIONS OF DOLLARS in federal money gets distributed
* Money for programs like: **MEDICARE, SPECIAL EDUCATION, FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES, BRIDGE CARDS AND WIC, ROAD CONSTRUCTION, and more all depend on the census population count.**
* The Census count determines the number of representatives in Congress, the state legislature and Electoral College votes.
* The Census form is an official record of the US and it becomes part of the history of the City of Detroit, State of Michigan and the US.

**THE CENSUS FORM IS EASY AND SECURE**

* Census forms can be filled out online, or by phone and paper forms will be sent out if you haven’t responded by May 1, 2020
* The form has less than 10 questions, takes 10 minutes and the information lasts 10 years
* Questions include: number of people living at an address, age, gender, race, ethnicity, marital status
* Personal information on the census form is sealed for 72 years, and cannot be shared with ANYONE
* If a question is missed or not answered, the form can still be submitted and will be valid.
* City will have 120 census assistance centers where residents will be able to fill out their form online.

# HELP GET OUT THE COUNT!

* Go to **detroitmi.gov/census** to find out how to be involved in the Be Counted Detroit 2020 Census Campaign—volunteer to be a census ambassador, a social media influencer or host an event.