

# CENSUS 2020

## PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS COUNT, TOO!

Once every decade, the government conducts a count of the entire population. This count will happen between March and April of 2020.

### WHY DOES THE CENSUS MATTER TO ME?

Population counts determine how billions in funding for schools, hospitals, roads, and social services is distributed.

Census data determines the number of representatives Illinois has in Congress.

WHETHER YOU ARE LIVING ON THE STREET, IN A SHELTER, OR DOUBLED-UP, **YOU SHOULD BE COUNTED!**

#### COUCH SURFING OR STAYING AT THE HOME OF A FRIEND OR RELATIVE?

Census instructions will be mailed in March 2020 to every household. Every person residing in the house should be counted, including those staying temporarily.

#### STAYING AT A SHELTER, ON THE STREET, OR IN A CAR

Census workers will visit service-based locations between March 30 and April 1, 2020. If you receive services in the community, confirm the date with staff and make sure you're present.

#### QUESTIONS?

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