

June 3, 2020

Greetings To All!

With permission from the Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Administration, the Census Bureau will begin to deliver invitations to tribal communities starting June 15, 2020. This is the best way to make sure each household receives one and it's also the best way to get an accurate count of our community. This will not require any interaction between household members and Census Bureau employees. The Census Bureau has committed to having three tribal members, Michelle Tewa, Julie Bird and Jayden Cruz, conduct this work within our community. Each household should count everyone who lives in their home including children, extended family members, friends regardless of their ethnicity/race. It is very important to list the Ohkay Owingeh enrolled tribal member first as head of household as you complete the questionnaire.

Please wait for the Census questionnaire to be delivered to your home. And please know that if you have completed the Census without the 12-digit ID number on the form, you will have to complete the Census again using the 12-digit number on the paper form.

Although this may be an inconvenience to do this again, completing the Census using the unique ID number is so important for our community. The results from the Census help determine how federal money is given to services like IHS, Senior Citizen meal programs, Veterans programs, Head Start, Housing, General Assistance and more.

If you have any questions about any part of the questionnaire or if you require assistance, please contact:

- Lisa Lopez
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You may also schedule an appointment to complete your Census questionnaire at the Tribal Administration building.

You will receive a gift for completing your questionnaire so please let us know!

The U.S. Census Bureau has set the final date for any household to respond to the 2020 Census is October 31, 2020.



May 15, 2020

Census Update – Considering the Impact of COVID-19

Greetings!

Back on March 26, 2020 you were encouraged to go on-line or by phone to complete your Census questionnaire and many thanks to those of you for doing so!

However, completion of your Census questionnaire has changed for all tribal communities including Ohkay Owingeh and for those communities who do not receive mail at a physical address. **You will now need to wait to receive your questionnaire that will include a 12-digit Census ID.** Once you receive this sometime beginning June 13, 2020; Note this date may change depending on the severity of the health crisis and permission granted from the Tribe. You will need to respond **again** even if you have already responded *without* using your 12-digit Census ID. Attached is a copy of what the correspondence will look like once it is delivered to your residence.

We apologize for the inconvenience or confusion this may cause. The Census Bureau wants to ensure that your responses will be collected.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Lopez for more information or if you need to clarify this information.

Also, please relay this information to your family, friends and colleagues.

Governor Lovato

