

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

July 24, 2020

Updates From Albany

Turning Legislative Visions Into Reality – *Passing New Legislation*

The 2020 Legislative Session was certainly impacted by COVID-19 as it relates to the legislature's ability to pass crucial, non-COVID related legislation and advocate for funding allocations for the North Shore. However, as with the enactment of the 2020 NYS Budget, the COVID-19 Special Session, and the Racial Justice Special Session, we returned to Albany this week to pass the remaining legislation.

I worked diligently with central staff and my colleagues in the Senate and the Assembly to pass two bills this session.



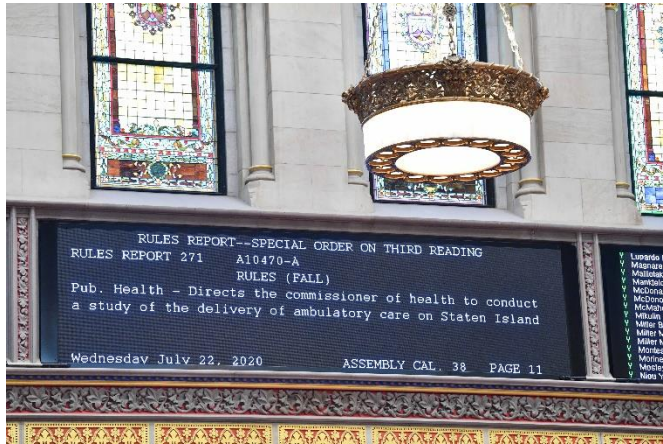
The two bills we passed out of the New York State Assembly this week that I authored were:

Bill A.7820-A relates to requiring new homeless shelters to conduct a public hearing in the community where the proposed shelter is to be located before being sited. The bill passed in the Assembly with a vote of 139 yea to 3 nay. In the Senate, Senator Savino worked to pass the partnering **bill S.7215-A** on July 23. The legislation now awaits delivery to the Governor for executive action. This legislation would:

- Require the Department of Homeless Services to conduct a public hearing to voice any potential concerns about a proposed homeless shelter site.
- The intent of the legislation is not to prevent homeless shelters from opening to assist women, children, or men with appropriate housing. This is about accountability and transparency when community leaders, elected officials, and residents raise public safety, transportation, and educational accessibility concerns with sites of homeless shelters.

The bill originated when the City of New York approved a homeless shelter site located at 44 Victory Boulevard without seeking input from local elected officials or community members.

There have been resounding community concerns centered on transportation accessibility, schooling availability, and public safety related to the 44 Victory Blvd site choice. A recent environmental impact study conducted at the site also revealed several environmental concerns with the property that must be remediated before it is suitable to safely house mostly women and children. My legislation will require that a public hearing be held for residents who wish to voice their support or concerns.



Bill A.10470-A directs the operator of a healthcare facility to give a 30-day notification of closure, relocation, or decertification. It also directs the Commissioner of Health to conduct a study of the delivery of ambulatory care on Staten Island. The bill passed unanimously, with 142 votes in favor. Senator Savino's accompanying **bill S.8719** passed in the Senate on July 22. The legislation now awaits delivery to the Governor for executive action. This legislation would:

- Require the operator of a healthcare facility to give a 30-day notice to the Department of Health and local officials on the closure, relocation or decertification of a clinic, urgent care center ambulatory health care practice, federally qualified health centers, general hospital ambulatory care clinics or care centers.
- Direct the Commissioner of Health to conduct a study on the delivery of healthcare on Staten Island.
- The study would not include ambulatory surgery centers or office-based surgery practices.
- The Commissioner of Health would be required to publish the study findings on the Department of Health's website and report to the Governor and the Legislature on the findings.

The legislation was inspired by the temporary closure of a CityMD Urgent Care facility located on Forest Avenue and Broadway on the North Shore. After a concerted effort, I along with all the other elected officials on Staten Island worked with the operator of the facility to reopen the urgent clinic.

Since there are no public hospitals located on Staten Island, many residents rely heavily on clinics, urgent care, and ambulatory health care for a wide variety of medical services, including physicals, injury-related and illness diagnosis and care, rapid lab tests and screening, pediatric care and women's wellness needs for some of the most vulnerable residents.

During this pandemic, which continues to wreak havoc on our daily lives, we need to make sure that residents continue to receive their healthcare needs. Having residents who may be elderly or lack reliable transportation to travel to another facility during heightened social distancing, stay-at-home orders or any other circumstance is detrimental to the well-being of all New York residents, especially those residing on the North Shore of Staten Island.

[Click here to watch as I address the importance of these two bills.](#)

District 61 News

Summer Mobile Office Hours

This week, my staff and I held two additional mobile offices in Elm Park and Stapleton. We connected with nearly 70 constituents and several businesses on the North Shore to distribute face masks, hand sanitizer, and with the help of the New York Center for Interpersonal Development, dozens of people were also able to complete the 2020 Census. Currently, 42% of Staten Islanders still need to be counted! [Fill out your census today and remind your friends and family to fill out theirs-](#) this funding is crucial for our schools, transportation, and infrastructure. **See the flyer below to find out which neighborhoods we will visit next week.**

Elm Park Mobile Office






Stapleton Mobile Office




Upcoming Mobile Office Hours



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SUMMER MOBILE OFFICE HOURS



Constituent Services Coming to a Neighborhood Near You

1:00PM - 4:00PM

West Brighton Wednesday, July 29 Castleton Ave. and Broadway	Elm Park Thursday, July 30 Open Street, New St. and Jewett Ave.
Mariners Harbor Friday, July 31 Morningstar Rd. and Forest Ave.	

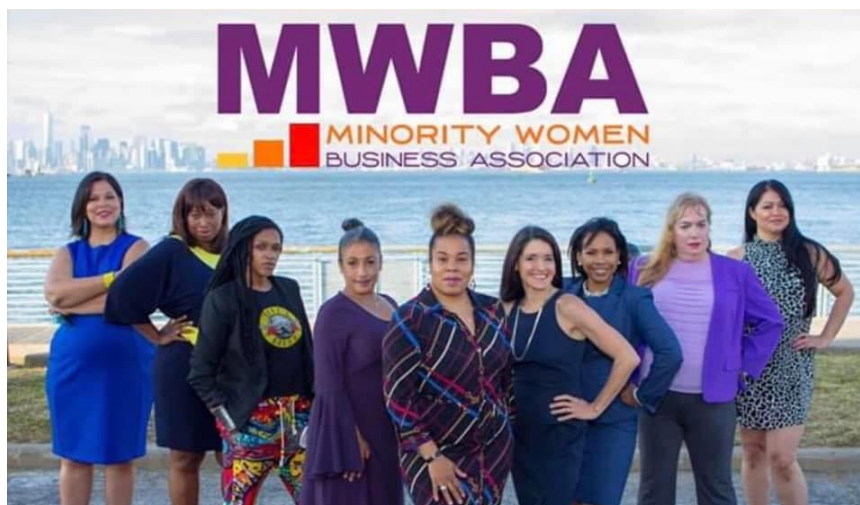
- Complete the 2020 Census
- Receive COVID-19 Updates
- Unemployment Insurance Support
- Free PPE and Hand Sanitizer and More

For more information, please contact
Parnellj@nyassembly.gov or (718) 442-9932

Positive Community Contributions

This week's positive community contribution is dedicated to the newly established Minority Women In Business Association here on Staten Island. This diverse team of minority businesswomen are using their platforms to mentor and elevate other women of color business owners on Staten Island. The organization also seeks to connect women of color to opportunities that will provide and stimulate economic development on Staten Island by helping members to obtain M/W/BE certification, government and city contracts, and also providing other women with capacity-building support.

The MWBA board includes Kim Avilez, Kamillah Hanks, Dana Walker-Boyd, Jaclyn Tacoronte, Desiree Darden, Michele Sileo and Tina Garrett. These women plan to bring programs from a wide array of industries like marketing, construction, and real estate. They will also serve as trainers and mentors for girls and women in cultural competency, marketing, customer service, mental health and wellness, and financial management. Organizations like MWBA are why I worked so hard to pass bill A.8020 last year to extend the MTA Mentor Program for an additional 10 years. This longstanding program provides public work contract opportunities for small businesses including many NYS certified Minority and Women-Owned Businesses throughout the five boroughs. In a time when small businesses are in need, especially Minority/Women-owned businesses, I am proud to highlight this group of women paving the way for more women entrepreneurs to succeed.



Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community

1. **Under current federal guidelines, this is the last week that the \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program (FPUC) payments will be distributed in New York.** Claimants who submit their weekly certifications between Sunday 7/26 and Saturday 8/1 will be certifying for the final week of FPUC. This may change if Congress takes action to extend the FPUC benefits.
- **NYS Department of Labor (DOL) will provide updates on their website and social media accounts.** New Yorkers should not call the DOL call centers to inquire about FPUC extensions.
2. **The emergency COVID-19 rental assistance program** will provide direct aid for low-income tenants who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This new rental assistance program is administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal. **Click here to access the application- the deadline is July 31, 2020.**
3. **Mayor de Blasio and the Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity announced a citywide landlord-tenant mediation project for housing security.** This new program provides housing security to tenants across the City who may be facing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting immediately, the Citywide Landlord-Tenant Mediation Project will serve hundreds of New Yorkers each month by addressing rent-related issues in a mediation setting, outside of the housing court system, with a focus on hardest-hit communities
- Housing solutions like the Mediation Project allow the City to serve as a model for other cities in creating a direct line to a holistic and fair recovery for Black and Brown communities.

4. **Individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19 must be quarantined for 14-days from the time of the last contact within the identified state.**

Here is an updated list of states flagged on the travel advisory - Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

5. **Riders taking a TLC-licensed vehicle—such as a Taxi, Commuter Van, Livery, or Black Car—must wear a face covering.**
6. **The MTA has indefinitely rerouted the S52, S74, and S78 bus line** following several incidents of vandalism involving the buses. My office is working to resolve any inconveniences this re-routing has caused, however, until further notice:
 - S52 buses are detoured from Tompkins Ave at Vanderbilt Ave and Beach St at Union Place
 - S74 buses are detoured between Targee St at Vanderbilt Ave and Bay St at Victory Boulevard
 - S78 buses are detoured between Tompkins Ave at Vanderbilt Ave and Beach St at Union Place
 - **Current detours are posted on the [MTA website and app](#).**
7. **Locations to get tested for COVID-19:**
 - **Use the DOH map to find all the State-run testing sites.**
 - **Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC.** New Yorkers who have symptoms or questions about Coronavirus can call to connect to a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 am - 9 pm.
 - Individuals that are unable to safely isolate at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. **Click here to learn more, or call (844) 692-4692.**

Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. **NYC is expecting a second heatwave this weekend.** Extreme heat has potentially dangerous outcomes.
 - NYC Cooling Centers and Cool streets are available to help you stay safe, cool and out of the heat. **Click here to find a cooling center, cool street, or how to obtain a spray cap from a local firehouse.**
 - ConEd customers can report outages or service problems to 1-800-75-CONED (26633). You can also view the **online outage map to learn about service restoration efforts** or sign up for text notifications texting REG to OUTAGE


(688243). Please note, Con Edison account numbers are necessary to complete registration.

- **NYC Lyons Pool is re-open for swimming!** Pool hours are from 11am to 3pm, and 4pm to 7pm, with an hour for cleaning in between. Face coverings must be worn in locker rooms, bathrooms, and on the pool deck. They are not to be worn in the water. Social distancing must still be observed while swimming.
2. **The Business Center for New Americans** is accepting and processing Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applications from all eligible New York businesses, including small businesses, corporations, non-profits, sole proprietors, self-employed workers and professionals.
 - **The deadline to apply for PPP loans is now August 8.** Please contact Juan González, Senior, Loan Office at jgonzalez@nybcna.org or call one of BCNA's offices - Manhattan: 212-898-4167, Queens: 347-649-1488 by August 6 to have your application processed in time.
 - **[Click here to apply for the U.S. Small Business Administration PPP](#)**
 3. **Project Hospitality** is offering legal services, if you or anyone you know is in need please contact mrivera@projecthospitality.org with your name, phone number, and the type of legal service you need to book a virtual appointment with one of their legal providers.
 - CAMBA also offers “Financial Wellbeing” tele-sessions- clients should contact their case managers to initiate a referral.
 - **[Click here to review the CAMBA COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)**
 4. **Small Business Resources:**
 - **NYC Department of Small Business Services Virtual Compliance Consultation Session: Open Restaurants Program.** SBS offers no-cost virtual compliance consultations to help you understand how to comply with key City rules and regulations to avoid receiving common violations.
 - The virtual consultations will help businesses understand common compliance challenges related to the Open Restaurants Program. Violations or fines will not be issued during the consultations. The SBS will not issue violations or fines - they are here to help businesses understand the rules.
 - **[Click here to request a consultation](#)**
 - **Prepare your business for emergencies with Small Business Services (SBS).** Is your business prepared to handle gas leaks and fires, major hurricanes, flooding, and blackouts? **On Thursday, August 6 from 3pm to 4pm, SBS is offering a webinar to help guide the business through the start of a business continuity plan. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)**

- **The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce** is collaborating with Start Small Think Big to offer free legal and financial services from top professionals. **Learn more and sign up here.**
- **Staten Island Business Outreach Center (SIBOC)** is working with small businesses with any assistance they may need; small business owners can call their office at **(718) 816-4775** or **info@siboc.org** to a virtual one to one business meeting.

Useful Virtual Events and Opportunities

1. **Join the African Community Alliance of Staten Island**, my office, and several community partners on **Wednesday, July 29, 2020, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** for part two of our Community Dialogue on Race Relations. **Click here to join the event.**

 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS	
Join us for a conversation about improving community relations on Staten Island	
When	Panelists
Wednesday, July 29 5:30pm to 7:30pm	Kenneth Corey - Assistant Chief, NYPD Christopher Pisciotta - Attorney in charge (Legal Aid Society) Jazmin Rivera - Project Director (TYSA) Dr. Joel Idowu - Mental Health Professional John McBeth - Community Activist Congressman Max Rose NYS Senator Diane Savino NYS Assemblyman Charles D. Fall
Where	
Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85258183926	
Meeting ID:	
852 5818 3926	
Call in:	
+1-929 205 6099	
Live Stream:	
facebook.com/acasiny	
Send questions in advance to fjames149@gmail.com	

2. **The Staten Island Equity & Belonging Project** invites residents to participate in a **discussion on the Staten Island Equity & Belonging Survey on Wednesday, July 29th at 10 am.** The purpose of the survey is to understand the perceptions of equity and belonging among current and former residents of Staten Island; Gather data to assist community leaders in addressing and supporting the well-being of residents living in Staten Island, and to connect community leaders with training and tools that can be used to facilitate meaningful conversations for social change. **Click here to register.**

You're invited to learn more about...

THE STATEN ISLAND EQUITY & BELONGING PROJECT

A survey to assess the views on equity & belonging among current and former residents of Staten Island

College of Staten Island

The purpose of the survey is to...

- Understand the perceptions of equity & belonging among current and former residents of Staten Island
- Gather data that can assist community leaders in addressing and supporting the well-being of residents living in Staten Island
- Connect community leaders with training and tools that can be used to facilitate meaningful conversations for social change

Join us on
Wednesday, July 29th at 10am
as we discuss and explore the Equity & Belonging Survey
with CSI's Department of Social Work

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3dRxYdI>
(This event is virtual and open to the public!)

Want to be a partner? Contact Alexa Donnelly at: Alexa@pccny.org

3. **Join the Staten Island Business Outreach Center for their webinar on How to Become MWBE Certified Small Business.** Learn about the resources and benefits as well as what it takes to become certified. Beyond gaining valuable access to city contracting opportunities, certified MWBEs are provided with the tools and training to advance their potential: Invitations to exclusive networking events, free advertising in a searchable online directory, free one-on-one guidance on selling to the government. **Click here to RSVP.**

Presents a **FREE Small Business Webinar**

How to Become MWBE Certified

July 30, 2020
10:30am to 12pm

Are you a Minority or Woman business owner? If you've ever thought about selling to the government, now is the time! Come learn about the resources and benefits as well as what it takes to become certified.

Beyond gaining valuable access to city contracting opportunities, certified MWBEs are provided with the tools and training to advance their potential:

- Invitations to exclusive networking events
- Free advertising in a searchable online directory
- Free one-on-one guidance on selling to the government

RSVP Required
Register on Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-become-mwbe-certified-tickets-113821228358>

boc NYC Small Business Services

NYC funded in part through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Beneficial ownership information for purposes of certification will be made if requested at their own discretion. For more information contact NYC Director: info@nysbc.org, 718-634-5114.

This event was made possible by the New York City Council
For more information on SIBOC/WBE program, please visit www.nyc.gov/howcertified

4. **Snug Harbor hosts Wellness Wednesday programming each Wednesday from 4:30 pm to 7 pm** to help restore your mind, body, and spirit of residents this summer! Each

week there will be free classes, tastings, and music. With an abundance of space and all of these fun activities, Snug Harbor is a great spot for anyone looking to get out of the house and enjoy the great outdoors. Click here for more information.



Wellness Wednesdays at Snug Harbor

Restore your mind, body, and spirit this summer at Snug Harbor! At Wellness Wednesdays, you'll love:

- Healthy, delicious produce sold fresh off the Heritage Farm
- FREE drop-in movement and healing workshops courtesy of the Staten Island Coalition for Movement and Mindfulness
- FREE music and performances from local artists and MakerPark Radio DJs
- FREE samples (and sales) of food and drinks from local restaurants like Burrito Bar and Relish Catering

Each week, there are new activities for you and your family to enjoy: community, connection, and conversation at Snug Harbor. See you there!

WHERE: South Meadow
WHEN: Wednesday afternoons through October, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Learn more at snug-harbor.org/wellnesswednesdays

In the event of rain or inclement weather, the Heritage Farm Stand will still operate, but movement activities and performances may be moved or cancelled depending on severity of conditions.

5. **Adapt Community Network** is a not-for-profit providing programs and services for people with disabilities. They have many career opportunities on the North Shore of Staten Island and all across the city. [For more employment information click here.](#)



Career Opportunities at ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK [we change]

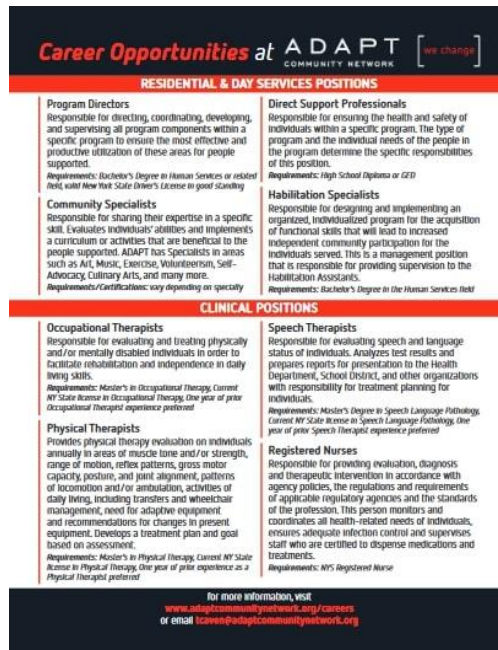
Empowering people through innovative solutions, one person at a time

EDUCATION POSITIONS

Certified Special Education Teachers
Responsible for leading educational classes of Special Education Pre-School in Early Intervention and meeting the ongoing learning needs of the students. Responsible for coordinating and supervising all activities and staff regarding the educational needs of the children. Certified Special Education Teachers have a significant job of developing children's early skills and making a difference for young learners in our communities.
Requirements: Masters in Special Education, NYS Special Ed Teacher Certification

Certified Teachers Assistants
Responsible for providing physical and programmatic aid to children assigned, adding in program plans and preparations, assisting with supervision of children in assigned areas, providing the teacher with information about children that will assist in development of appropriate learning and behavioral experiences as well as assisting children with use of available instructional resources.
Requirements: High School Diploma or GED, Successfully passed the NY State Teacher Certification Exam-ADA

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or email careers@adaptcommunitynetwork.org



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RESIDENTIAL & DAY SERVICES POSITIONS

Program Directors
Responsible for directing, coordinating, developing, and supervising all program components within a specific program to ensure the most effective and productive utilization of these areas for people supported.
Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Human Services or related field, valid New York State Director's License in good standing

Direct Support Professionals
Responsible for ensuring the health and safety of individuals within a specific program. The type of program and the individual needs of the people in the program determine the specific responsibilities of this position.
Requirements: High School Diploma or GED

Community Specialists
Responsible for sharing their expertise in a specific skill. Evaluates individuals' abilities and implements a curriculum or activities that are beneficial to the people supported. ADAPT has Specialists in areas such as Art, Music, Exercise, Volunteerism, Self-Advocacy, Culinary Arts, and many more.
Requirements: Certification varies depending on specialty

Habilitation Specialists
Responsible for designing and implementing an organized, individualized program for the acquisition of functional skills that will lead to increased independent community participation for the individuals served. This is a management position that is responsible for providing supervision to the Habilitation Assistants.
Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in the Human Services field

CLINICAL POSITIONS

Occupational Therapists
Responsible for evaluating and treating physically and/or mentally disabled individuals in order to facilitate rehabilitation and independence in daily living skills.
Requirements: Master's in Occupational Therapy, Current NY State license in Occupational Therapy, One year of prior Occupational Therapist experience preferred

Speech Therapists
Responsible for evaluating speech and language status of individuals. Analyzes test results and prepares reports for presentation to the Health Department, School District, and other organizations with responsibility for treatment planning for individuals.
Requirements: Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology, Current NY State license in Speech Language Pathology, One year of prior Speech Therapist experience preferred

Physical Therapists
Provides physical therapy evaluation on individuals annually in areas of muscle tone and/or strength, range of motion, reflex patterns, gross motor capacity, posture, and joint alignment, patterns of locomotion and/or ambulation, activities of daily living, including transfers and wheelchair management, need for adaptive equipment and recommendations for changes in present equipment. Develops a treatment plan and goal based on assessment.
Requirements: Master's in Physical Therapy, Current NY State license in Physical Therapy, One year of prior experience as a Physical Therapist preferred

Registered Nurses
Responsible for providing evaluation, diagnosis and therapeutic intervention in accordance with agency policies, the regulations and requirements of applicable regulatory agencies and the standards of the profession. This person monitors and coordinates all health-related needs of individuals, ensures adequate infection control and supervises staff who are certified to dispense medications and treatments.
Requirements: NYS Registered Nurse

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How To Help

1. **The 2020 Census is critical.** Every New Yorker must be counted. **10 questions, 10 minutes. 100% safe.** 42% of all Staten Island residents have not been counted in the 2020 census! **Fill out your US Census today, it is quick and easy and will determine how more than \$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to our community.** Go to **my2020census.gov**, call (844) 330-2020, or respond using the paper form sent to your home.



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#CensusCompletedChallenge

Three Methods to Respond:

- **Online:** <https://my2020census.gov/>
- **Mail:** Mail back the paper questionnaire sent to your home.
- **Call:** 844-330-2020 to complete via phone.

Challenge 5 family members and friends!

Everyone counts, infants, the elderly and everyone in-between.

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Wishing you all health and safety,



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Member of Assembly

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