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Time to Complete 2020 Census Down to Final Days

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and City of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto today urged residents who have not yet been counted that there are only a few days left to complete the 2020 Census.

"Census data is one of the most important things that residents can do to make sure that their communities, their families, their friends and their neighbors have access to the services and programs that they need," said Fitzgerald. "Every person in every municipality is important and we need each of you to make sure you're counted. Particularly now, it's imperative that you let the federal government know you're here. Be Counted."

The self-response rate of Allegheny County residents is 71.6% which is higher than the state's rate of 69% and the federal rate of 66.4%. Even though the self-response rates have slightly surpassed the 71.3% level that was reached in the 2010 census, leaders still want to exceed that number and remain concerned with ensuring that hard to count communities are included. The City of Pittsburgh's response rate, for example, is 62.7%.

"We need Pittsburghers to come together, as they always do, and push our Census participation even higher. The stakes are especially great this year and we need to work together to earn the federal resources we deserve," Mayor William Peduto said.

With just a few days left to complete the census, the County-City Complete Count Committee and its sub-committees continue to work with individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the county on one final push to be counted. Those messages have also been carried by residents of all of our communities.

"The 2020 Census response determines funding for our communities, funding for much-needed and much-deserved resources. It's time to be aware. It's time to take action through representation," said McKeesport native and Homestead resident, Corey Lankford.

The 2020 Census consists of 10 questions and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. You can take it online at my2020census.gov or by calling 1-844-330-2020. Language services are available.

A decision regarding when the census count will be ended remains in the Courts. The Trump administration ordered the count to end on September 30, a decision which was challenged in Court. Last week, a preliminary injunction was granted requiring the Census Bureau to continue the count until the original deadline of October 31. That order has been appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
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