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MHSAA Announces Football to Move to Spring Season



EAST LANSING, Mich. – Aug. 14 – The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association today announced it will move the 2020 Fall football season to Spring 2021, due to football's higher risk for spreading COVID-19, with the rest of Fall sports proceeding as scheduled. The football season switch was made based on consultation with state health department officials and after surveying MHSAA member high schools on their progress and preferences after the first four days of practice. Football is considered a high-risk sport for potential spread of the COVID-19 virus because of its level of player-to-player contact. A total of 34,219 student-athletes played football at MHSAA member schools during the 2019 season. A total of 520 11-player teams

and 83 8-player teams were anticipated during late summer to play football this fall season. "At the end of the day, we did everything we could to find a path forward for football this fall," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "But while continuing to connect with the Governor's office, state health department officials, our member schools—personnel and the Council, there is just too much uncertainty and too many unknowns to play football this fall. "No one is willing to take the risk of COVID being passed on because of a high-risk sport. Decisions have to be made on our other sports as well, but none of those carry the same close, consistent, and face-to-face contact as football." The MHSAA announced July 17 it would proceed this school year with its traditional calendar beginning with Fall sports but with enhanced precautions to help limit the spread of COVID-19. At that time, the MHSAA also stated it would move football, and other Fall

sports seasons, to the spring of 2021 if they were deemed unsafe to proceed when originally scheduled. Football was allowed to begin practice, with helmets but no other padding, on Aug. 10. Volleyball and soccer are considered moderate-risk for virus spread, while cross country, golf, tennis and swimming & diving are considered low-risk. Cross Country, Lower Peninsula girls golf and boys tennis and Upper Peninsula girls tennis began practice Aug. 12; golf and tennis teams may begin competing Aug. 19, and cross country teams may begin competing Aug. 21. Volleyball, boys soccer and Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving also began practice Aug. 12, and competition guidelines for those sports will be announced Aug. 19. Schools in regions under Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start Plan remain unable to play volleyball or swim/dive indoors due to governmental restrictions. Further guidance from Governor Gretchen Whitmer's office is ex-

pected in the near future regarding these indoor facilities. Details for the spring football season including a specific schedule and format will be announced over the next few months. The MHSAA will be working to limit overlap of spring football and the traditional Spring sport seasons. "While this is tremendously disappointing, we will do everything possible to provide the best possible experience in the spring while adding football into the calendar," Uyl said. NOTE – According to coaches and athletic directors in Northern Michigan, on Wednesday, August 19 the MHSAA is taking another look at reinstating football this fall in zones 6 and 8 (Michigan's Northern Lower peninsula and Upper Peninsula). At press time we did not have any results of that meeting but will have information in next week's paper.

Petoskey Rotary Club charities provides handrail at CCA



The handrail was built and installed by BD Welding and Fabrication and will help visitors make their way more safely to the CCA's front door, especially during slippery winter months. Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) was awarded a grant of \$1,700 from Petoskey Rotary Club Charities to help with the cost of installing a new exterior handrail along the stepped walkway of the front entry, improving accessibility to the building. The handrail was built and installed by BD Welding and Fabrication and will help visitors make their way more safely to the CCA's front door, especially during slippery winter months. While the entry ramp and center stairs both had existing railing, the stepped walkway did not have a railing at all. This stepped walkway leads visitors from

See Handrail – Page 10A



photo by Mike Dunn

GABBY GOLDFINCH

This gabby American Goldfinch breeding male with the magnificent yellow feathers contrasted with black head and wings appears to be chirping away merrily as he perches on a bush and sizes up some appetizing nearby flowers recently.

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August is Summer Sun Safety Month

For many residing in Michigan this summer, the sunshine and temperature has been a dream. However, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) wants to remind residents that, while it's good to be enjoying time in the sun, it is also important to practice sun safety measures to protect yourselves

from the unintended consequences of too much sun. DHD#10 suggests that residents:
 - Drink plenty of fluids and avoid liquids with large amounts of sugar or alcohol.
 - Wear sunscreen to protect skin that isn't covered with clothing, as sunburn affects a body's ability to cool down.

- Wear a hat to protect your head, face and neck
 - Wear sunglasses that block UV rays to protect your eyes
 - Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing to protect your skin.
 - Limit outdoor activities to when it is coolest in the morning and evening or stay

in the shade during peak midday hours.
 - If it gets too hot, spend time indoors in the air conditioning.
 It is especially necessary to be on the lookout for signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke during these warm summer

days. Signs of heat-related illness vary but may include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, fainting, an extremely high body temperature (above 103°F) and tiredness. If not treated properly heat-related illnesses could result

in death. For more information about how to protect yourself and your loved ones from heat-related illness, see the MDHHS Heat Awareness and Safety Fact Sheet, or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website.

DNR FISHING TIP

Fishing for bass at night

With summer in full swing, fish can become quite lethargic. No need to fret! For certain species, such as bass, you just might want to tweak the time of day you set out to target them.

Some of the best bass fishing this time of year occurs during the first hour or so after dark. You still can find fish at dusk and dawn, but that first hour or two after dark can be exceptional.

After dark, bass tend to move shallow in search of an easy meal. Target them near the same areas you would during other times of the day while also casting and targeting the shallows. You'll want to change

your technique, though. Since after dark you can't see the weed line or other underwater structures, fishing subsurface lures is not recommended. It is time for surface presentations. After the cast, work them aggressively with a jerking motion, making sure they pop and gurgle across the surface of the water during your retrieve. Pay close attention during the retrieve, watching and listening for the strike, which can be explosive.

If you're feeling adventurous, get on the water at 10 p.m. and fish the shallows for bass until midnight or 1 a.m. The results can be spectacular!

St. Michael Academy releases Re-Opening Plan

St. Michael Academy (SMA), Northern Michigan's only Classical Catholic high school, today announced the release of its Re-Opening Plan for the 2020-21 academic year. Informed by a significant and growing body of supporting research, the SMA Re-Opening Plan features a commitment to remaining open for on-site learning and formation, whenever possible, five days per week.

"Our strategy for re-opening strikes a balance between performing our mission effectively and prudently. We learned last spring that while on-line learning can be an effective temporary substitute for face-to-face instruction, it isn't a viable long-term option for our students," stated SMA Headmaster Dr. Richard Brake. "In striving to remain open, we remain faithful to our core mission of nurturing and elevating a new generation of joyful leaders, educated in the Classical Tradition and the truth of the Catholic Faith."

The SMA Re-Opening Plan proceeds under the assumptions that:

clear steps can be taken to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 while conducting in-person instruction
 there are significant negative educational, social, emotional, and spiritual costs to

teenagers when schools are unable (or unwilling) to conduct face-to-face instruction recognizing inherent risks both to opening the schools and to closing them, SMA Leadership will seek to consider all factors, prudently selecting actions that best serve our students and families.

Dr. Brake continued, "In transitioning seamlessly from in-person to on-line instruction last spring, we demonstrated our nimbleness and our capacity to provide educational continuity during this crisis. We will build upon this experience, developing still more effective 'hybrid' methods, combining live and distance learning, as appropriate, for future disruptions. Our independence allows us to improvise and adapt quickly, delivering solutions that larger, more bureaucratic schools will find difficult to match."

The SMA Re-Opening Plan can be viewed on the SMA website at <https://stmichaelupnorth.org>.

The SMA Re-Opening Plan is guided by a set of "First Principles" that guide it as a Classical Catholic high school. The ongoing crisis demands particular emphasis on virtues like prudence, courage, and faith, as know-

ing the proper course of action requires the balancing of many factors, significant fortitude, and Christian humility. SMA Leadership is determined to remain focused on its mission and to keep its policies and requirements realistic and simple, encouraging compliance by its students and staff.

As SMA prepares to re-open for the coming school year, its operations will focus on "the four C's" – Courage, Courtesy, Cleanliness, and Common-Sense. The specific tactics to be employed to realize these objectives were developed after a thorough review of many resources, including the latest authoritative research regarding school environments, the State of Michigan's "Phase Five" school re-opening guidelines, recommendations from the Diocese of Gaylord, and independent research and deliberations by the SMA Board of Directors, faculty, and staff.

The SMA Re-Opening Plan also features a set of contingency plans which will allow the school to continue with academic instruction during periods of increased pandemic severity, both flexibly and concurrently, recognizing that SMA families have varying degrees of Covid-19

risk tolerance. Dr. Brake concluded, "At SMA, we prepare students to triumph over the materialism and despair that pervade our culture and to accept our Lord's offer to have life in abundance! We believe that our plans for re-opening, and for fulfilling our mission, will succeed if we continually put our faith into action with renewed trust, intention, and zeal. As fear and anxiety paralyze much of our society, including many schools, we have a tremendous opportunity to show our community a better, more joyful way to learn, to live, and to love! Please consider joining us for the most exciting and consequential year in our history!"

"We are ESSENTIAL! We are a FAMILY OF FAITH! We are OPEN FOR BUSINESS!" SMA is enrolling rising 7th through 12th grade students for the 2020-21 academic year. Please contact Dr. Brake at drbrake@stmichaelpetoskey.org for more information. SMA offers tuition assistance to qualifying families. No student is denied enrollment because of financial reasons. For more information about SMA, please visit the school website at <https://stmichaelupnorth.org>.

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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting four new confirmed cases on August 18 in our jurisdiction with a primary residence in Emmet (4) county. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Updated COVID-19 case definitions were recently approved to better define confirmed and probable cases. When determining if a case is considered confirmed or probable, we consider clinical criteria (e.g. symptoms), laboratory criteria (e.g. a COVID-19 test) and epidemiological link (contact or potential for contact with a confirmed or probable case). A confirmed case is someone with a lab confirmed positive test (e.g. a PCR test). A probable case is someone who has symptoms



and a link to a confirmed or probable case, or has a positive antigen (not PCR) test. "We have seen a recent uptick in confirmed cases locally in addition to an increase in low-risk public exposure sites shared," stated Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "This data reminds us that regardless of where we go in our communities we must continue taking all necessary precautions to protect ourselves and others, and to prevent the spread of

COVID-19 in our communities." As of 4:00pm on August 18, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:
 - Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 40, Charlevoix – 54, Emmet – 78, Otsego – 116
 - Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 29, Charlevoix – 35, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 99
 - Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following coun-

ties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11. The State of Michigan has reported 93,662 cases and 6,340 deaths. Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by liking and following our Facebook page and visiting our COVID-19 Data Dashboard. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website.

4 Ways to Avoid Stress-Spending During the Pandemic

BY RACHEL CRUZE

As human beings, emotions drive a lot of our financial decisions. And you know what we're spending a lot of time with during the quarantine? Our emotions. If you've had a rough day and you're feeling angry or sad, you might buy a new outfit because—dang it—you deserve it. If you're feeling joyful, you might spend as a celebration, but worry about whether you can afford it later. During this pandemic, many people are feeling so fearful they've bought the stores all out of toilet paper! These are just a few examples of emotional spending. Believe me, I've been there. But we should never base our spending on whatever we're

feeling in the moment. So, here are four ways you can stop emotional spending dead in its tracks:
 Window-shop
 Even window-shopping can release a surge of dopamine, giving your brain the fix it craves. But this way, you get to keep your money.
 Sleep on it
 Wait at least overnight before making a purchase over \$100. Stop to ask these three questions:
 Why do I want this item? Will I really use it?
 Does it fit within my budget?
 If you're still excited about the purchase tomorrow, chances are it'll be there when you get back.
 Make a budget, and stick to it
 A budget doesn't limit your freedom. It gives you the free-

dom to spend money on what's important to you. As you're planning the budget for the upcoming month, decide how much of your income will go toward your true essentials, how much will go toward giving, and how much will go toward your money goals (like paying off debt or building your emergency fund). After those things are covered, make sure to budget for a little fun. Put boundaries around your social media
 Follow the people who inspire you, and unfollow the ones who make you feel like you need more in order to be happy. I guarantee you'll feel better about yourself, and save some money. Half the battle is knowing your tendencies and knowing how to help yourself.
 Take my free five-minute

money quiz to discover your unique money tendencies and learn which emotions to watch out for. I want you to feel equipped to stay focused on your goals, without letting your feelings in the moment, other people—or even a pandemic get in the way!

About Rachel Cruze
 As a #1 New York Times best-selling author, host of *The Rachel Cruze Show* and *The Rachel Cruze Show Podcast*, Rachel helps people learn the proper ways to handle money and stay out of debt. She's authored three best-selling books, including *Love Your Life, Not Things* and *Money Smart Kids*, which she co-wrote with her father, Dave Ramsey. You can follow Cruze on Twitter and Instagram at @RachelCruze and online at www.rachelcruze.com, youtube.com/rachelcruze or facebook.com/rachelramseycruze.

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East Jordan State of the Community Luncheon

By Tina Sundell

EAST JORDAN—East Jordan is heading in the right direction and its future is bright was the message away with after hearing four key note speakers discuss the status of the city schools, and DDA at East Jordan's State of the Community Luncheon Tuesday, November 11.

An air of optimism filled the Harvest Barn hall as 26 East Jordan High School seniors and other members of the community listened intently to Mayor Russell Peck whose speech focused on the challenges and infrastructure im-

provements that still lie ahead for the city. "All in all things are looking up, we're heading in the right direction. Together we will position our community for a resilient and sustainable future. Indeed, East Jordan's future is bright," he concluded.

Peck not only talked about all that the city has accomplished but emphasized the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate new growth. "We are very optimistic about the future of our community and that optimism comes from the exciting new direction we have been heading," he said. He cited the city's sewer system that is already operating at 80%

capacity, sidewalks, and sea-pilings to be installed at the southwest side of the harbor next to the bridge intended to stop silt from filling the harbor (construction to begin in December) as projects that will further enable the city to grow. He mentioned the new well house (already up and running), the new \$12,000 Kayak facility in the park which he stated presently "looks like an art project." "We are developing the kind of community we have envisioned for future generations. There is a positive up beat energy," he said.



DDA Chairman Tom Teske, Entrepreneur Director with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Tom Erhart, Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Facchini, East Jordan Mayor Russell Peck and El Schools Superintendent Matt Stevenson addressed an audience of community leaders at the third annual State of the Community Address Tuesday, November 11. "East Jordan's future is bright," said Peck.

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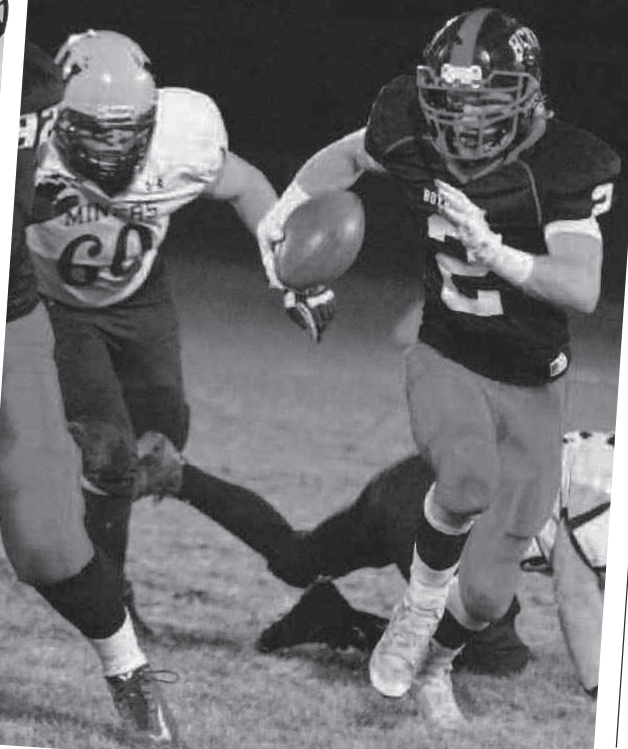
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Boyne Area Community Christmas

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If you need any additional information, please contact Ruth Witsnack at (231) 582-3182 or (231) 736-2797. If you would like to submit the name of a child in need, please contact Nancy Hosmer at (231) 582-7246.

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During the spring and summer we are featuring spring sports athletes from area schools since the spring sports seasons were cancelled.

Our target is to feature one male athlete and one female athlete from each school in our distribution area each

week. In most cases we will try and feature a Senior athlete first. The Charlevoix County News covers Boyne City,

Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. We have emailed the Athletic Director at each school. Feel free to contact the athletic di-

rector or coaches for spring sports at your school to be sure they are sending photos and details for spring sports athletes to the Charlevoix

County News for publication. They can email Dave Baragrey at Office@Charlevoix-CountyNews.com

AREA ATHLETE PROFILE

Judd Wise



Varsity Football

2018-19, 2019-20
2018-19

• All Conference Honorable Mention Defensive Back

2019-20

• Special Teams Player of the Year

Track and Field

Varsity Boys Basketball

2018-19, 2019-20

Track and Field

2018-19

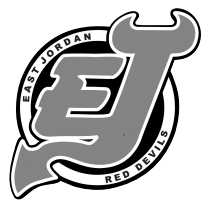
- Work Ethic Award
- All Region
- State Qualifier

League Scholar Athlete

2018-19

Parents:

Bill and Devin Wise



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AREA ATHLETE PROFILE

Trevor Zeeryp



JV Football

2016-17

JV Boys Basketball

2016-17, 2017-18

Varsity Boys Basketball

2018-19, 2019-20

2019-20 BCAM Team First Award

Varsity Golf

2018-19

League Scholar Athlete

2018-19, 2019-20

Parents:

Nathan and Kim Zeeryp



EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

DNR update on confirmed cougar sightings

All sightings are in U.P.

No matter what you call them – pumas, panthers, mountain lions or cougars – these mysterious mammals, and suspected sightings of them, get people talking. The DNR wants residents to know the department is lis-

tening and keeping a careful eye on where cougars reportedly are turning up.

This year, the DNR has six confirmed reports of cougars in Michigan, all in the Upper Peninsula: one each in Chippewa, Ontonagon and Schoolcraft counties and three in Delta County. In February, DNR Wildlife Division

staff confirmed two of those reports after finding cougar tracks while conducting the U.P. winter wolf track survey. Four additional sightings were confirmed after residents submitted trail camera photos of cougars.

The confirmed reports are rare. Since 2008 there have been 55 confirmed reports of

cougars in Michigan and all but one have been in the Upper Peninsula. It's also important to note that the reports could be multiple sightings of the same animal.

Though originally native to Michigan, cougars were driven from the state's landscape due to several factors, including habitat loss,

around the early 1900s. Despite the occasional reported sightings, wildlife experts say there's no evidence of a breeding population in the state.

"DNA analysis of two cougars poached in the U.P., for example, showed the animals likely dispersed from their established populations

in South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska," said Cody Norton, large carnivore specialist with the DNR.

In Michigan, cougars are an endangered species and protected by law. To learn more about the recent confirmed sightings or to submit a cougar report, visit Michigan.gov/Cougars.



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Zonta Club's Annual Fashion Show goes virtual

For the first time in 48 years, the Zonta Club of Petoskey Area has cancelled its in-person fashion show, held at Odawa Casino, on November 7, 2020, and is moving to a virtual fashion show format. This fashion show has raised more than \$20,000 each year to support area organizations that work within Zonta's mission of supporting and advancing the status of women.

"The needs for women in our area are greater than ever," states Zonta Club president, Shawn Cordes-Osborne. "The prolonged community spread of COVID-19, coupled with a financial recession and high unemployment, have left the women in our community, many of whom are sole providers for their families, with greater needs than ever before. We are committed to continue our support, now more than ever, and that's why we are going to host our "phantom" fashion show on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. online."

"Zonta Club of Petoskey is proud to announce that the majority of our committed sponsors for the event have pledged their continued support for this effort this year

and we thank them for their generosity," states fashion show co-chair, Kathy Bardins.

This event will feature fashions from area retailers, and as always, will offer the opportunity for ticket-holders to win a beautiful diamond jewelry piece from Arlington Jewelers. Tickets are \$50 each, and can be purchased online with a credit card or by mailing a check for \$50 to Zonta Fashion Show, 807 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770. Online registration is available at www.zontapetoskey.com, click on the "Buy Tickets" button at the top of the home page.

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EGL E releases State of the Great Lakes report

Engaging future generations of water stewards, Michigan's actions to protect drinking water and the impact of high lake levels across the state are among the topics featured in the annual State of the Great Lakes report, released today by the Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) in conjunction with Great Lakes and Fresh Water Week.

The report looks at significant issues that affected the Great Lakes and Michigan's residents in 2019. It also recognizes accomplishments in protecting and restoring water resources for public use, recreation, fish and wildlife, and commerce.

"Michigan and its community partners are committed to supporting restoration efforts that will keep the Great Lakes fishable, swimmable and drinkable today and in the future," said Liesl Clark, director of the Michigan Department of the Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). "It's imperative that we continue to build collaborations to achieve significant water improvements for the benefit of generations to come."

The State of the Great Lakes report includes features about new offices within EGLE responsible for climate, environmental jus-

and clean drinking water; new lead and copper and PFAS standards for drinking water; work to halt Asian carp from advancing into the Great Lakes; research into harmful algal blooms; student and community water literacy programs; Soo Lock expansion developments; high water impacts around the state; and the status of cruising on the Great Lakes.

Stewardship of the Great Lakes was reiterated by OGL's Emily Finnell in a Great Lakes and Fresh Water Week kick-off webinar led by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). Finnell said stewardship of Michigan's freshwater resources is a shared responsibility for everyone as our legacy to future generations.

The Office of the Great Lakes, which is part of EGLE, works to protect and restore Michigan's waters. It works with partners to support sustainable communities, restore degraded waters, manage water quality and quantity, and prevent aquatic invasive species. Its mission is to ensure a healthy environment, strong blue economy and high quality of life for Michiganders.

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the parking lot to the front door, and is the primary access used to enter the building.

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says Sarah Matye, CCA Executive Director.

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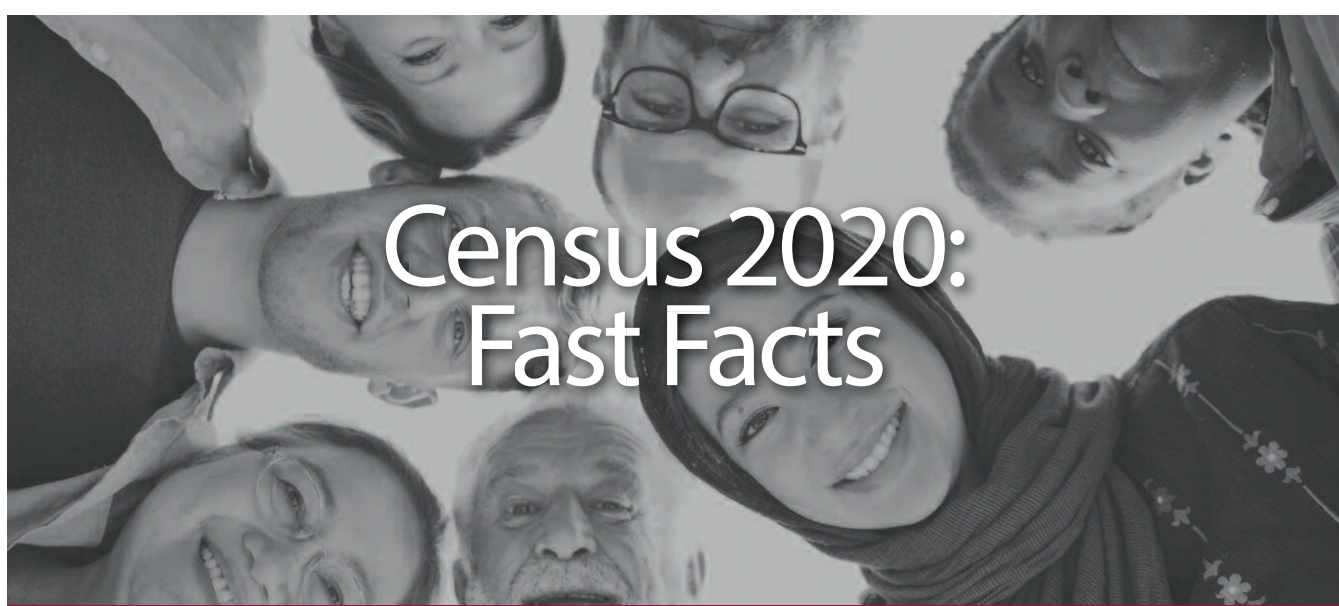
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What Will The Census Ask?

The Census asks for less personal information than most social media profiles. Items like name, gender, age, birthday, race/ethnicity, relationship to head-of-household, owner or renter and phone number are asked.

The Census will not ask about citizenship or immigration status.

Who Gets Counted?

Census forms are filled out by household. Everyone living at the address matters and everyone needs to be counted, including children.

How Do I Fill It Out?

It's easier than ever for 2020. You can respond online using the unique Census ID that will be mailed to you. If you don't have internet access, you can respond by phone or mail.

How Is Census Information Used?

Being counted helps communities create jobs, provide housing, fund K-12 education, prepare for emergencies and build schools, roads, hospitals and libraries.

Your Answers Are Secure And Confidential

The Census Bureau is committed to keeping your information confidential, private and secure. By law, individual-level census information cannot and will not be shared with any agency. Furthermore, cybersecurity measures have been put in place to keep your information safe, and any unlawful release of information is punishable by a \$250,000 fine and/or five years in prison.

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