2020 CENSUS KEY DATES
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – OFFICES – DATA COLLECTION OPERATIONS

January 2018 through December 2019
Engage & Educate Local Leaders, Partners & Communities

January 2019
Early Area Census Offices Open (these offices run the Address Canvass Operation)

June 2019
Additional Area Census Offices Open (ACOs)

August 2019 through October 2019
Address Canvassing Operation

March 2020
Call to Action for Residents to Respond (starting March 23rd)

February 2020 through June 2020
Group Quarters Operations (Count of Residents in Shelters, Dorms, Nursing Homes, Transitory Locations, Prisons, Military Bases, RV Parks, etc. Local governments & Census identify & plan these operations)

Mid-March 2020
Residents Invited to Respond

Individual Housing Units (Hus) Invited by either:
Mail (to USPS Mailable Addresses)  or  Hand Delivery (to Rural/PO Box, non-USPS HU delivery)
1. Letter Mailed
2. Reminder Postcard
3. Then Paper Questionnaire

1. List Housing Units (operation is called Update Leave)
2. Leave Questionnaire (Spanish in certain areas) & Letter w/other Response Options (internet & Phone)

Options to Self-Respond (all residents will have these 3 options & decide what is best for them)
Internet  Telephone  Paper

March 23, 2020
Self-Response Begins

April 1, 2020
Census Day – Reference Date = where you live on April 1

April 2020
Early Non-Response Follow-up begins (primarily areas around Colleges/Universities where the population leaves before early May)

May 2020
Non-Response Follow-up (NRFU) begins for households that do not self-respond (Households can continue to self-respond during this time)

Late August 2020 through September 2020
Areas Census Offices Begin Closing

August 2020 through December 2020
Quality Evaluation (re-contact of select Housing Units)

December 31, 2020
Deliver Counts to the President

United States Census Bureau