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## Health Equity: Why the 2020 Census Matters

### What is the Census?

The census is one of the main datasets in the United States and is mandated by the Constitution. For the first time, each home will have the choice to fill out the short questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. The 2020 Census will decide congressional representation, help hundreds of billions in federal funding, and give data that will impact towns for the next decade.

### How does the Census impact health equity?

Disparities in health outcomes across people are often defined by race and customs, ability and disability, age, gender and sexual orientation, place and social class. Choices such as where to build clinics and schools are based on census counts just as public transit needs and road construction projects are. A real count of our county helps tell how dollars will be spent, which can alter residents' ability to make healthy choices.

### How can you help?

The Scott County Health Department is committed to advancing equity to improve the health of individuals and communities. Help us by completing your 2020 Census and spread the word to others. Each person counts.



### OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

### OUR VISION:

Scott County—  
A safe and healthy  
community.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom (very limited seating) and Webex, 12:00 PM, Thursday, September 17, 2020.*

## Links

- [2020 Census](#)
- [Together Quad Cities](#)
- [How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering](#)

## Mask Up QC!

**When to Wear a Face Covering:** The CDC release updated guidance on the use of cloth face coverings. This guidance recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other physical distancing of at least 6 feet is difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).

**Why Wearing a Face Covering Helps:** The use of cloth face coverings will help slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

### Wear a Face Covering Correctly:

1. Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
2. Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
3. Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
4. Make sure you can breathe easily

For more information on the use of face coverings, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html).



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