

Participate in the Census

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As you probably know, the United States is conducting its decennial census this year. Many of you have already filled out your census forms, and we are grateful to you for that.

If you have not yet filled out and returned your census form, there is still time for you to [do it online](#)—and there are important reasons for you to do so.

Census data helps the government allocate billions of dollars in funding to Mount Sinai Health System and other hospitals through Medicaid and other programs, as well as provide money for school lunch programs and other necessary resources.

Health care institutions, including the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, also depend on census data to study public health. The census count is integral for managing health crises, as it allows health care providers to understand and track disease over time. An accurate count helps public health officials know who is at risk and helps first responders identify what is required to protect our communities.

It is important that everyone—including children, the elderly, patients in hospitals and long-term care settings, and both documented and undocumented immigrants—be counted. An accurate count will make sure your community gets its proper share of political representation, as well as government resources, for the next decade or more. You do not need to be a citizen to fill out the census and, by law, your individual information cannot be shared with any other governmental or enforcement agency.

Responding to the census takes only 10 minutes and can be done online. Click [here](#) to fill out your form. We thank you, your Mount Sinai colleagues thank you, and your community thanks you, for taking the time to do it today.

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