

Census Begins with Mail Notice

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If people don't respond to the first requests, they'll get a reminder postcard, and if they fail to respond then, a census worker will come to their door between May and July to help them complete the questionnaire.

Census officials say they are carefully monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and will adjust some operations with two key principles in mind: Protecting the health and safety of Census workers and the public and fulfilling a statutory requirement to deliver the 2020 Census counts to the President on schedule.

Slater said people should take note that the census questionnaires will be addressed "To Resident," but it's not junk mail and they should go ahead and complete the form.

People will also have many options to reply in languages other than English, she said.

"For online and phone, we have 12 language options other than English," she said. "From

our five-year community survey, we found these were the top languages and we have a designated phone number for each one."

People can also find video instructions in up to 59 different languages on the U.S. Census website.

Residents contacted by a Census worker are advised to verify the legitimacy of the census taker by making sure they have a valid photo ID badge with U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. Census takers may also be carrying Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo. Census takers may also be in neighborhoods to drop off materials, conduct quality checks or collect responses for other Census Bureau surveys.

The Census Bureau will not ask whether a person is a citizen or not, a decision that went against the wishes of the Trump Administration in a court ruling last year which eased the concerns of minority and immigrant groups who feared it would cause people not to participate.



A rendering of the future North Rivergate Boulevard overcrossing over railroad tracks in the Rivergate Industrial District of north Portland.

Rivergate Overcrossing Build Begins

A one year construction project started Monday on a new overcrossing that will alleviate congestion associated with rail blockages in the Rivergate Industrial District of north Portland.

The North Rivergate Boulevard Overcrossing will be a new bridge that elevates North Rivergate


Boulevard over the Union Pacific and BNSF railroad tracks. The \$25.8 million project is funded with federal, state, and local dollars.

Beginning this week, North Rivergate Boulevard will be closed from North Lombard Street to North Time Oil Road. Traffic

will be detoured from North Burgard Road to North Time Oil Road for the duration of the closure which is expected to be in place for approximately one year. Some businesses will see new temporary access roads constructed for use during the overcrossing's construction.

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