

## Census takers to begin follow-up with non-responding Oregon households

Census takers in 34 counties in Oregon will begin to follow up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

Multnomah and Clackamas will start Aug. 11.

The current self-response rate in Oregon is 65.0 percent, which is 1.3 million households. The Census Bureau will need to visit the remaining addresses to collect responses in person.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they

received, by responding online at 2020census.gov, or by phone for English at 844-330-2020, or for Spanish at 844-468-2020.

Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more.

Those that respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

### What Households Can Expect

Census takers will follow local public health guidelines when they visit and will be wearing

masks.

Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual.

If a census taker does not speak the household's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have ma-

terials on hand to help identify the household's language.

If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.

People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1 is counted.

### How to Identify Census Takers

Census takers can be easily identified by a val-

id government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge.

To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

Census statistics are

used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

Oregon's top five counties with the highest response rates:

- Washington 73.1%
- Clackamas 71.6%
- Polk 70.1%
- Benton 69.2%
- Multnomah 69.2%

## Lane County Transit District customer service counters to reopen Aug. 10

Lane Transit District (LTD) passengers will be able to ask questions about routes when the Customer Service Center counters in the Eugene Station located at 1080 Willamette St., reopen on Monday, Aug. 10.

Customer Service Center hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday

through Friday. In addition, Customer Service Representatives are available to provide assistance by telephone at 541-687-5555 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Individuals who have business with the Customer Service Representatives will enter the

Customer Service Center from the west doors and after being assisted, exit through the lobby's north doors.

All visitors will be required to wear hands-free coverings over their nose and mouth, use the hand sanitizing station, and observe social distancing requirements

to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 among customers and LTD staff.

The sitting area in the Customer Service Center's lobby and all restrooms in the center will remain closed.

"We are looking forward to providing more support to our passen-

gers who need assistance in making their essential bus trips for doctor's appointments, groceries, and work," said Cosette Rees, Director of Customer and Specialized Services. "LTD continues to take a health-first approach with its bus service and customer service to reduce the spread

of the virus while continuing to move passengers for essential trips."

For more information about the Customer Service Center reopening or LTD's Health First Services, "LTD continues to take a health-first approach with its bus service and customer service to reduce the spread

## OSHA accepting grant applications for training, education addressing infectious disease

Oregon OSHA is accepting grant applications for the creation of innovative safety and health training and education projects specifically designed to help combat the risk of infectious disease in the workplace.

The opportunity to pitch the division on funding for such projects

comes amid the coronavirus pandemic and as the division pursues new rules to protect workers against infectious diseases.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

Go online for more information about this year's grant process and how to apply.

You may also contact

Teri Watson, 503-947-7406 or [teri.a.watson@oregon.gov](mailto:teri.a.watson@oregon.gov).

The sole focus on grant funding for education and training related to infectious disease is not the only change to the process this year.

For the 2020-2021 grant cycle, applications only from educational institutions that partner

with employer or employee associations will be considered.

By way of context, employers are not allowed to use grants to pay for training for their employees. Materials produced by grant recipients become the property of Oregon OSHA.

Many of the materials are housed in the Oregon

OSHA Resource Center and are available for use by the public. Some materials are available electronically.

Links to past grant-funded training projects are available for viewing and use online.

The Oregon Legislature launched the Occupational Safety and Health Education and

Training Grant Program in 1990.

Award recommendations are made by Oregon OSHA's Safe Employment Education and Training Advisory Committee, a group with members from business, labor, and government.

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