## Statement on Coronavirus - March 12 Kickoff Event

## **Topline Messages**

- You can safely participate in the census beginning today from your home: online, by mail or by phone. This will reduce the risk of spread of novel coronavirus in our community.
- There are also online and phone resources available in over 50 languages to help you complete your Census form.

## Full Statement

We know novel coronavirus remains top of mind for residents in Los Angeles and across the country. Last week, Los Angeles County proclaimed a local health emergency to address rising cases of COVID-19 identified here, allowing us to mobilize necessary resources and formalize emergency actions to contain the spread of the virus.

The U.S. Census Bureau is working with national health authorities to ensure all their guidance is incorporated into the 2020 census operations. The Bureau is also partnering closely with state and local health departments, including right here in Los Angeles County.

To slow the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone follow local and state health guidelines, including staying home if you are sick and avoiding close contact with other people who are sick.

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The health and safety of all residents of L.A. County is always our top priority. We are in close communication with our emergency management and public health contacts and will continue to disseminate information about what this means for LA's ability to get an accurate census count, including how it might affect in-person enumeration efforts later this spring.