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Census Census Forms are Here, and Local Question Assistance Centers are Now Available

DUBUQUE, IA – The national mailing of census forms to each household in America is well underway, and Dubuque and Dubuque County residents have been receiving the forms in their mailboxes over the last two weeks.

The shortest and easiest-to-complete form in history, it contains 10 questions, mainly related to the number of people living in the household, their ages, sex and race.

It is a law that the forms must be filled out and sent back to the US Census Bureau. All information is strictly confidential and not shared with other government agencies or businesses. For most Americans, the form is completed and mailed back in the postage paid envelope provided. For those who have not or cannot fill out their forms, local assistance is available.

Three Dubuque locations have been designated as Census Question Assistance Centers (QACs). Each center is staffed with a Census employee who can help those in need to fill out the forms. Assistance can be provided for those who have difficulty reading, or who speak a different language other than English, or who need assistance understanding the questions.

Those local QACs are:

- The Crescent Community Health Center at 1789 Elm Street (563-690-2850):
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays: 9 a.m. - noon and Wednesdays: 1 - 4 p.m., thru April 16
- Sunnycrest Manor at 2375 Roosevelt (563-583-1781): Tuesday and Thursday: 1 - 4 p.m., thru April 15

- Operation New View, located at 1473 Central Avenue (563-556-5130): Monday thru Friday: 1 - 5 p.m., thru April 16

If the Census form that was mailed to a household is lost or misplaced, the QAC *will not* have extra forms available, but can assist residents in obtaining another form. Or, call 866-872-6868 or look online at www.2010census.gov for more information on requesting a replacement form. Additionally, a national toll free number is available to call and receive assistance in five different languages. Call 866-935-2010 for assistance in Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Russian.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census web site at www.2010census.gov., or our local web site at www.cityofdubuque.org/census.

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Created in 1790 and required by law every 10 years, the census gathers a wide variety of information that is used to disperse funds equitably across the nation for thousands of projects, including health care, education, community infrastructure, business development and more.

*In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than **\$400 billion** is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years.*