What is the 2020 Census?
The 2020 Census is a count of every person living in the United States regardless of their country of origin or immigration status. Every person residing in your household on April 1, 2020 should be counted. This includes: children, newborn babies, grandparents, friends, non-relatives, and anyone else living in your home.

Why is the 2020 Census so important?

**Political Representation**
The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

**Federal Funding**
Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to local hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other essential resources based on census data. Each uncounted person will equal a loss of $15,350 in funding toward medical assistance, local schools and higher education, social services, infrastructure investment and more over the course of 10 years.

**Critical Information**
The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community.

**Constitutional Mandate**
Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

How and when do I take the 2020 Census?
In March 2020, each home will receive an invitation by mail with instructions to respond to the 2020 Census. There will be three ways to respond: (1) online, (2) by phone, or (3) by mail. The 2020 Census questionnaire can be completed beginning in late March.

What if I need help?
Visit the Bloomingdale Public Library to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online if you do not have access to a computer and/or internet. If you have questions, you can visit 2020census.gov or call the Census Bureau Customer Service Center at (800) 923-8282 for more information.

The Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Public Library, and local schools are committed to working to get as accurate a count as possible to help all of our residents, both locally and state-wide.