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Pritzker Administration Partners with Illinois Public Health Association on 2020 Census Outreach Efforts

All 102 counties now represented by Illinois 2020 Census organizers

SPRINGFIELD/CHICAGO – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) announced the Illinois Public Health Association will serve the Northwest region of Illinois for the state’s 2020 census effort, including JoDaviess, Carroll, Whiteside, Lee, LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties. The organization joins over 20 organizations across the state who have been awarded grants to maximize Illinois’ success in the 2020 Census. These grants, totaling over \$20 million dollars, represent the largest census investment made by any state in 2019.

The organizations serving as Regional Intermediaries for the 2020 Census Grant Program are identifying other local organizations to award additional grants within their regions. This ensures funding directly supports organizations who are best equipped to connect with Illinoisans on the front lines of urban, rural and other hard-to-reach communities.

“Ensuring that every community across the state has the opportunity to let their voices be heard is a top priority for my administration,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “By partnering with local organizations who have a strong presence in their communities, we can make sure Illinoisans in hard to reach areas aren’t left behind.”

In June, Governor JB Pritzker signed Executive Order 19-10 to secure an accurate census count in all communities across Illinois. The Order established a new Census Office, led by Census Directors Marishonta Wilkerson and Oswaldo Alvarez and a bipartisan, bicameral Census Advisory Panel.

“The kind of collaboration shown through this process is groundbreaking,” said IDHS Secretary Grace Hou. “We’re encouraging participation and engagement from the front lines, and also bringing strong support from IDHS, the Census Advisory Panel, and many community partners.”

IDHS and the Census Office have also joined with the Illinois State Board of Education to host a Census Summit for educators, childhood providers and any other interested organizations to learn about how they can get involved in promoting the census in classrooms and child care settings across Illinois.

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