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PAPER CENSUS FORMS COMING TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED

Households that have not already responded to the 2020 United States Census online may expect to receive a reminder letter accompanied by a paper questionnaire within the next week, Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin announced today.

Nearly half of Massachusetts homes have already responded to the census, with most responding online. According to the most recent numbers provided by the Census Bureau, 47.1% of Massachusetts households have sent back a census form, which is just above the national response rate of 45.7%.

Massachusetts currently ranks 13th in the nation in online responses, with 44.8% of households submitting their form at www.my2020census.gov.

While many census activities have been delayed over the last few weeks, Galvin's office has confirmed with the U.S. Census Bureau that paper questionnaires will be mailed out from April 8-16 to those households which have not already responded.

"I have been pleased to see that so many households have been responding to the census online. The numbers show that our residents have embraced online submission more than most other states," Galvin said. "But if you don't have internet access or you simply prefer the traditional paper form, you will find that form in your mailbox very soon."

"Remember, if you don't respond to your census, either online, by mail, or over the phone, a census taker will need to come to your home to collect the information," Galvin continued. "Every person who responds to the census now is helping reduce the need for those census workers to go door-to-door, at a time when that is really something we would all like to avoid."

Residents who do not receive mail at their homes will be receiving paper forms later, once hand-delivery of those forms, which is currently suspended, has been resumed by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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