What is the census?
The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. Beginning in March 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future and Orion Township’s for the next 10 years!

What’s in it for me?
Your responses inform where over $675 billion is distributed each year to communities, schools, roads, parks, and more. Census data gives vital information to help make decisions about where to open new businesses, and planning for the future. Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it’s mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790. Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?
Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. The results can not identify you or your household in any way, they may only be used for statistical purposes.

What will I be asked?
The 2020 Census is only 9 questions! You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won’t I be asked?
The census will NEVER ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card information, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

When can I respond to the census?
Every household will receive an invitation to respond online between March 12-20. Once you respond you won’t receive any additional follow-ups or have someone knocking on your door.