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2020 CENSUS

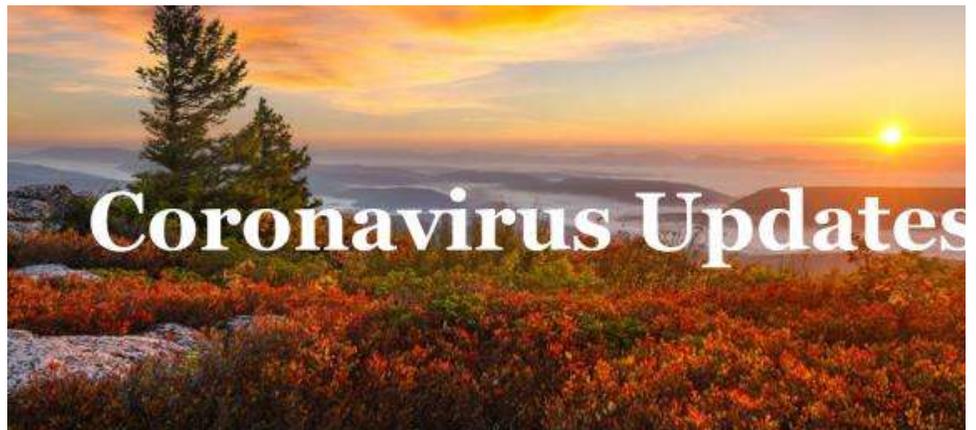
[Visit our 2020 Census page on our website.](#)

The deadline to respond is now September 30, 2020.

If we don't respond to the Census we will miss out on important federal funds that make our communities stronger. Every person in West Virginia that does not respond to the Census equate to \$20,000 lost in federal funds for West Virginia and our communities over the next ten years. If 100 people do not respond, that's \$2 MILLION lost in federal funds to West Virginia over the next ten years. We simply can't afford that. So please, Be Counted and respond to the census today by visiting:

2020census.gov

or call **844-330-2020**.



Information is updated daily
on: manchin.senate.gov/coronavirus

WORKING FOR YOU

In Case you Missed It: MANCHIN PRESSES TREASURY FOR UPDATE ON UNRESOLVED STIMULUS PAYMENT ISSUES FOR NEARLY 6,700 WEST VIRGINIANS

Charleston, WV – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) pressed U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin for an update on the unresolved issues with nearly 6,700 West Virginians who have yet to receive their Economic Stimulus Payment (EIP). When the CARES Act was passed in March, the EIP was

BROADBAND

[Take a Speed Test Here.](#)

The sad fact is that many places in West Virginia simply do not have access to reliable broadband and the lack of access affects West Virginians every day. Back in 2011 the FCC released a coverage map that stated 99.9% of Americans had wireless coverage. I knew then what I know now: That is just plain wrong.

That's why I'm asking all West Virginians to submit your internet speed-tests, so we can prove to the FCC that our broadband coverage is well below the stated coverage. So far, your efforts have helped the FCC acknowledge that our providers are overstating their coverage, but we must continue to show where and how widespread the lack of broadband coverage is in West Virginia.

HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

To request assistance from my case team, [click here](#).

As your U.S. Senator, I am proud to be your voice with government agencies during your time of need. My goal is for me and my staff to provide the best possible customer service for every West Virginian who contacts me needing assistance. While I have no direct jurisdiction in legal or administrative matters of any federal, state, or local agency, I welcome the opportunity to assist you in any way possible and to assure that full consideration is given to your case. See one of our success stories below:

intended to provide support to those in need. Instead, thousands of West Virginians have been left without assistance during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of answers.

Senator Manchin wrote, "When Congress passed the CARES Act, we authorized a robust set of programs aimed at helping vulnerable Americans weather the new economic challenges presented by this unprecedented healthcare crisis. This included \$293 billion to ensure every American, making up to \$75,000 as an individual or \$150,000 for married couples, would receive immediate financial assistance. While I commend you for steering the federal government's massive effort to deliver over 159 million EIPs to impacted Americans, including 964,000 West Virginians, I remain concerned about the lack of attention that has been paid to all those who are still anxiously waiting today."

TESTING

Where can I get a test? This is a question my office has received since the beginning of this pandemic. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list; there may be more testing sites out there that are added daily. In order to provide as much reliable information as possible, I am including testing sites that are verified through an official communication or news release.

For any organizations or health care organizations who would like their site listed, or who have updates on their hours or requirements, please email me at common_sense@manchin.senate.gov.

It is recommended that you seek testing only when you begin exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. [Click here to view the screening criteria](#). To report your symptoms and be directed to one of the available testing sites, contact your primary care doctor or a designated hotline for your area. Most, if not all, sites require a physician's order before testing. If you have gone through these steps and are still having issues getting a test, please email me at common_sense@manchin.senate.gov and a member of my staff will reach out to you to see if we can assist.

[Click here for WV DHHR's latest updates to reported COVID-19 cases](#)

Any new additions or updates to testing sites or events will be included below. The full list of verified testing sites and events is available and updated daily on manchin.senate.gov/coronavirus.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

RIPLEY

LOCATION: Cedar Lakes, 82 FFA Drive, Ripley, WV

HOURS: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Ms. Phyllis Wooldridge of Bradley WV, contacted Senator Manchin's office for assistance in obtaining widow's benefits through Black Lung. As a result of Caseworker Sylvia Asbury's inquiries, Ms. Wooldridge was notified by the Dept. of Labor that she would be awarded her benefits.

From the Hill to the Mountains

MANCHIN REQUESTS EXTENSION OF MEAL PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES FOR WEST VIRGINIA STUDENTS

Charleston, WV – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) asked U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue to quickly approve five waiver extension requests for child nutrition programs through the end of the school year. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Manchin has successfully fought for the approval of multiple child nutrition program waivers for West Virginia students.

Senator Manchin said in part, "As you may recall, in West Virginia during a typical year, we have 200,000 children who qualify for free or reduced price school breakfast and lunch, many of whom this is their only reliable source of nutritious food. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an even greater need for our students and families who were struggling to make ends meet before the pandemic... I fully support the State of West Virginia's request for an extension of the current waivers through the 2020-2021 school year to ensure these programs remain available to any school that might need to temporarily close due to

This testing is free and available to all residents in selected counties, including asymptomatic individuals. Proof of insurance is NOT required. Attendees should bring identification, such as a driver's license or proof of address, to help in returning test results. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

RESOURCES

Our office is working diligently to bring you the most up-to-date information as it becomes available. Click the links below for more information. All information regarding resources and more can be found on Senator Manchin's website.

[Unemployment & Direct Payments](#)

[Veterans Assistance](#)

[Basic Needs](#)

[Business Assistance](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[Feeling Ill?](#)

[WV 211:](#)

United Way of West Virginia provides an important service to West Virginians by helping users navigate the vast number of resources available to aid with healthcare issues, food shortages, mental health questions and more. This program is more important now than ever as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic and I commend United Way for continuing to serve their fellow West Virginians through this time.

United Way's new 2-1-1 will make information on a wide variety of local support services more accessible across our entire state," said United Way of Central WV President, Margaret O'Neal. "Whether it's information for locating a health clinic, finding child care programs, or getting housing assistance, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, go-to resource for individuals and families.

To utilize these resources West Virginians can:

Call 2-1-1

Text your zip code to 898-211

Visit <http://www.wv211.org/contact>

Call toll-free 1-833-848-9905

the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Energy Committee News

ICYMI: MANCHIN, HEINRICH LEAD DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CALLING FOR PENDLEY’S REMOVAL

Charleston, WV – Last week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) led the entire Senate Democratic Caucus in calling on U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt to remove William Perry Pendley from his role leading the Bureau of Land Management. It has been reported that Mr. Pendley will continue to exercise the authority of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management despite reports last week that the White House will be withdrawing his nomination.

“For the same reasons that Mr. Pendley is unfit to be confirmed as a director, he is unfit to exercise the authority of the director without being confirmed, and we ask that you remove Mr. Pendley from this position. Mr. Pendley’s long public record of advocacy for selling off public lands and reducing access to them, attempts to undermine tribes and tribal sovereignty, and denial of climate change make his beliefs and actions antithetical to either role.” wrote the Senators in part. “The Bureau of Land Management requires a qualified leader who supports public lands and the bureau’s critical role in administering them for the American people.”

Any new or updated resource information will be posted below. All information is available and updated daily on manchin.senate.gov/coronavirus.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available in West Virginia Following Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Declaration for Cold Temperatures and Excessive Moisture

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced that Working Capital Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and private nonprofit organizations located in Cabell, Jackson, Mason and Wood counties, West Virginia as a result of cold temperatures and excessive moisture on April 10 through May 30, 2020.

Learn more at www.sba.gov.

IRS: EIP Info Center FAQs Added/Updated

[Click here to view updated FAQs.](#)

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