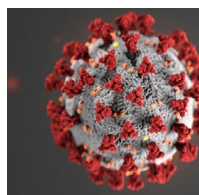


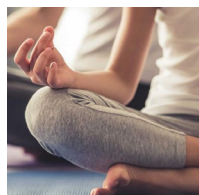
United States® Census 2020

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What is the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the United States as well as the five US territories. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the US Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. You can expect to receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire in the mail between March 12-20. You can respond to the questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

Why They Conduct the Census

The census provides critical data that is used to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to schools, fire departments, roads, senior services, job training and many other resources based on census data. The 2020 Census will determine how this funding flows to communities just like ours.

You Count, I count, We all Count!

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for our community because the result of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and much more.





Watch the video above to learn more about the 2020 Census!

You can also find more information at:
2020census.gov

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask you for...

- Your Social Security number
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party
- Your bank or credit card account numbers

Additionally, there is no citizenship question on the 2020 Census. If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate.

What Happens to Your Answers?

It is important to know that your personal information collected during the census is kept confidential. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used only for statistical purposes.

"If we were to be under-counted, it could mean less resources for Gloucester Township and we don't want that to happen. Look for the 2020 Census in your mailbox and please take the time to fill it out. Your replies are completely confidential and it is important to our Gloucester Township community!" -Mayor David R. Mayer

Coronavirus Update

EVENT CANCELLATIONS

- No Open Gym at the Rec Center Until Further Notice
- Gloucester Township Public Schools will be on a One Session Day (1/2 Day) tomorrow, Friday, March 13th
- Gloucester Township Boys Basketball League End of Year Tournament on Saturday, March 14th is Canceled
- Senior Chair Yoga and Senior Meditation (Wednesdays 11-12pm, Rec Center) have been canceled until April 2020

Dear Residents,

Over the past several days there have been many updates regarding Coronavirus cases spreading throughout the world. On Monday, Governor Murphy declared a state of emergency for the State of New Jersey. Here in Gloucester Township I have been working closely with members of our Office of Emergency Management team, the Gloucester Township Police Department, AMR EMS, Gloucester Township Public Schools, Black Horse Pike Regional School District, and the Camden County Health Department to ensure the public health and safety of our residents.

We have updated the municipal website with current information about the status of the virus as well as any event cancellations taking place in our township. We advise you to also monitor our social media channels for additional updates and cancellations.

At this point we know that some people are at higher risk of getting sick; this includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions.

Please watch for symptoms and warning signs such as fever, cough, shortness of breath (for a full list of symptoms please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>).

If you feel that you might be sick, please stay at home and call your healthcare provider to let them know about your symptoms and follow their instructions.

Here in Gloucester Township we are taking any potential risk to our community very seriously. Protecting the health and safety of our residents is our top priority.

Please stay safe and continue to monitor Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> and www.GloTwp.com.

State Department of Health has established a 24-hour public hotline - 800-222-1222.

Mayor David R. Mayer

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP INTRODUCES ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR REC CENTER PROGRAMS

Spring Registration for Adult and Youth Programs at the Recreation Center begins on March 16th for residents and March 23rd for non-residents!

Gloucester Township is excited to introduce CommunityPass, an online registration system with convenient 24/7 access to registration for all of the programs at the Gloucester Township Recreation Center. Simply click the link below, create an account, and enjoy the convenience of online registration. With CommunityPass there will be no more waiting in lines! It is not only easy to use, but also secure. CommunityPass accepts debit and credit cards: Visa, Mastercard, and Discover (please note that a separate 2.9% processing fee will be added).

The Rec Center will still hold in-person registration Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00 am-5:45 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am-7:30 pm. Cash, check, and credit/debit cards will be accepted during in-person registration (the processing fee will still apply for cards).

Contact the Recreation Department at 856-435-5734 or recdept@glotwp.com with any questions.

Create Your Account

OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IS EXPANDING!

Starting in September 2020, the Gloucester Township Recreation Department Preschool program will be 4 days a week (Monday-Thursday)!

Registration for current students & siblings will begin in late April 2020.

New student registration will begin on May 4, 2020. Online registration will be available. Listed below are our enrollment options for next year:

3yr old PreK, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Point Ariel Park

3yr old PreK, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Rec Center

4yr old, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Rec Center

4yr old, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Point Ariel Park

Email Diane Jones: DianeJones@glotwp.com with any questions.



TAKE THE PLEDGE

TOBACCO-FREE RIDE NJ: CLEAN AIR FOR KIDS IN CARS

Cracking the windows or turning on the air system does NOT get rid of secondhand tobacco smoke/vapor.

Opening the window is NOT enough!

Tobacco smoke/vapor can linger and cling to car seats, windows, and fabric for hours.

Take the pledge at:
TobaccoFreeRidePledge.com

NO SMOKING WITH KIDS UNDER 18

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Pledge to Protect your Family

Go to www.TobaccoFreeRidePledge.com and click **TAKE THE PLEDGE** to ban smoking/vaping in your car and you will receive a **Tobacco Free Ride Kit**.

No Amount of Smoke or Vapor is Safe

Smoking/vaping doesn't just hurt the user but it also harms the people around them. Tobacco smoke/vapor contains heavy metals, cancer causing chemicals and toxic gases. Babies and children exposed to secondhand smoke can suffer from SIDS, lung illnesses, ear infections, and asthma attacks.

Tobacco Free Resources:

- www.QuitForKids.com
- www.IJQuitline.org
- www.TobaccoFreeNJ.com

Quitline is funded by the NJ Department of Health, Office of Tobacco Free, Nutrition and Fitness.

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THROWBACK
THURSDAY



Pictured is the Big Timber Creek. Big Timber Creek is a 5.6-mile-long stream in southwestern New Jersey that runs through Gloucester Township. Many activities were frequently enjoyed here including boating and ice skating.

Today, there are several places in town named after the Big Timber Creek including Timber Creek High School and the Timber Creek Dog Park.

In honor of the 325th Anniversary since Gloucester Township's incorporation in 1695, we will be sharing old photos of our beautiful township. If you or your family have a history in Gloucester Township and have any old photos that you would like to share, send them to mayor@glotwp.com.



See more photos at www.glotwp325.com

Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at dmayer@glotwp.com

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

David R. Mayer



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