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Date: _____

Dear _____,

Hello! My name is _____.

I am a U.S. Census Field Representative, and I will visit your household again soon.

I am happy to visit whenever is best for you: mornings, afternoons, evenings, or weekends.

Please call me today to schedule your appointment:

Here's why:

Your household was chosen to participate in the **National Health Interview Survey**, or **NHIS**, our nation's gold standard health survey. In the NHIS, one adult per household is randomly selected to be interviewed about their own health. The interview is confidential. **In your household, you were selected.**

You can learn more about the NHIS from the materials left in your household and here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/participant.htm>.

You are important. You cannot be replaced.

NHIS's high quality data inform decisions about where to spend tax dollars. By taking part in the NHIS, you help ensure resources aren't wasted and your community leaders have the guidance they need to help you and your loved ones stay healthy.

Please call me today. Your appointment can be any time before _____.

Your U.S. Census Field Representative

Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't another adult in your household tell us about *their* health?

- Different people in a household have different health and health care needs.
- We rely on random selection to ensure our results represent the whole country.
- If we only interviewed whoever was first available, our national estimates would not be correct.

Why can't another adult in your household tell us about *your* health?

- Only you know exactly how and how much your health impacts your daily life.
- Family members don't know as much as they think they do about how you feel and what you think.
- Even when your family knows about your health, they don't answer questions the same way you would.
- If we collected second-hand information, our data would not be as accurate.