Dear Student,

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to have an impact on the country and our local communities, the safety, health and welfare of everyone is a top priority. As you know, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions have closed campuses and many of our students have moved back home or to other off-campus housing locations.

With these closures, many are asking where and how those who would otherwise be living on or near campus should be counted during the 2020 Census. The most recent guidance from the U.S. Census Bureau is that all students should be counted where they would consider their “usual” residence as of April 1, 2020. In other words, you should be counted at your college address (on- or off-campus) for this year’s census, even if you’re back home with family or another location during the COVID-19 closures.

Specifically, if you normally live in campus housing, the university will count you. However, if your usual residence while at school is off campus, please ensure you and/or any roommates you live with are counted for that particular address.

The census is easier than ever for students going to school in Nevada to complete through one of three safe, confidential and quick ways from the comfort of their own homes: online (www.census.nv.gov), via phone (844-330-2020; for Spanish 844-468-2020), or mail in the hard copy questionnaire. This helps keep everyone safe – students, residents and census workers alike.

A complete count in Nevada is critical to ensuring the state receives its fair share of over $67 billion in federal funding. We need your help in being counted because the funding goes towards things important to our students, such as:
- Federal student loans
- Federal research grants
- Campus funding and improvements to things like labs, buildings, and classrooms
- Health and social services
- Economic and career development

If you have additional questions about the 2020 census or need assistance, please visit www.census.nv.gov or call 844-330-2020; for Spanish 844-468-2020.