

April 27, 2020

Dearest Durhamites,

As we continue to heed stay-at-home orders due to the current health pandemic, we want to ensure you know about **Durham FEAST**, a partnership between Durham Public Schools (DPS), Durham County Government, the Durham Public Schools Foundations, local nonprofits, and local restaurants. This strong partnership formed to ensure children and families continue to receive meals during COVID-19.

Durham FEAST benefits from the NC Restaurants Feeding Kids Initiative that allows DPS to spend federal money on vending contracts with local restaurants to feed children. Durham restaurants buy local ingredients and employ their staff to make healthy and delicious meals for Durham children. **Their costs are reimbursed by federal school meals funding, such as school breakfast programs, school lunch programs and others, through DPS.**

Families may pick up meals at one of more than 20 Durham schools. Children do not need to be present for meal pickups. You can learn more about this program and additional food resources during COVID-19 when you visit [durhamfeast.org](https://durhamfeast.org).

While sheltering in place, and attending to personal and professional responsibilities, remember to complete the Census **online, by mail or by telephone**.

On average, it takes less than 10 minutes to complete the Census questionnaire. Completing the Census is an opportunity to continue to positively impact our community! **Everyone Counts! Including You! #DurhamCounts #MakeNCCount**

Due to COVID-19 the deadline to complete the Census is extended to **October 31, 2020**.

Go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to complete the Census online.

Call 844-330-2020 to respond to the Census by phone in English.

Call 844-468-2020 to respond to the Census by phone in Spanish.

**Warmest Regards,  
Everyone Counts!**