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**Title:** Guidance on Census Activities

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**Topic:** ASN Guidance on Census Activities

**Summary:** This guidance categorically prohibits AmeriCorps members and volunteers from engaging in census activities during service hours.

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**To:** State Commissions and National Directs

**From:** AmeriCorps State and National  
Office of General Counsel

**Date:** September 5, 2019

**Re:** 2019.05: Guidance on Census Activities

As it did in 2010, CNCS has determined as a matter of policy not to allow members and volunteers to engage in census activities during service hours. Being a census taker during service hours is categorically prohibited. Census-related activities (e.g., promotion of the Census, education about the importance of the Census) do not align with NCCC, ASN, VISTA and Senior Corps objectives. What members and volunteers do on their own time is up to them, consistent with program policies about outside employment and activities.

Please disseminate this guidance to your subgrantees and/or operating sites.