

## Support SCOTTSDALE

[SupportScottsdale.com](http://SupportScottsdale.com)

Small businesses are the heart of our community, and when we support them, we infuse money into our economy and celebrate everything that makes Scottsdale a wonderful place to work, play, live and visit.

If you're a Scottsdale business owner or employee, let this website be your first stop to access national, statewide and city programs to keep your doors open and our workforce strong.

If you're a resident looking for ways to support local businesses, this website is your guide to offerings at your favorite restaurants, shops, attractions and more – right now, when they need it most.

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### Do you need assistance?

Programs and organizations are available to assist residents during this difficult time. Information about nutrition programs for seniors and children, utility and housing assistance, counseling, support and employment assistance are available at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "covid."

Additionally, the State of Arizona has gathered an array of resources and information for individuals, families and businesses at [ArizonaTogether.org](http://ArizonaTogether.org).

### Are you looking to help others?

There are many ways to support your neighbors and community as we collectively shoulder the burden of COVID-19. You can donate food or money that go toward nutrition programs for seniors and other human services programs and nonprofit agencies that are serving many people and many needs during this crisis.

Find more information about ways you can help at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "covid."

### SCOTTSDALE COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Scottsdale continues to serve the community, often in new and different ways, during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Do your part—observe physical distancing and hygiene standards to slow the spread of the virus.

The situation changes regularly; some information contained in this newsletter may become outdated quickly. Find the latest city updates and links to resources and other information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov).

You can also get city news delivered via email—simply text your email address to 480-312-3111, or visit our website and search "Scottsdale Update."

The president has published a plan for re-opening the nation, which is contingent on specific public health data points (read the plan and learn more at [Coronavirus.gov](http://Coronavirus.gov)).

A recovery branch has been established within Scottsdale's incident management team. It will develop the city's plans for re-opening municipal buildings, amenities, services and programs as appropriate in the weeks and months ahead.

**Scottsdale's Virtual Small Business Assistance Center is a one-stop-shop for local businesses** seeking information on support programs and resources during the COVID-19 crisis. Scottsdale businesses can get personalized assistance, answers to questions regarding federal, state and other government funding programs, and guidance to connect them with critical resources. Reach the Scottsdale Small Business Assistance Center by texting or calling 480-312-3111, email [business@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:business@ScottsdaleAZ.gov), or through Scottsdale EZ ([ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "EZ").

**SCOTTSDALE** *Good to Go!*

**OPEN for BUSINESS**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SCOTTSDALE BUSINESSES

**#SCOTTSDALEGOODTOGO**

Scottsdale "Good to Go" banners are available so businesses can let customers know that they are open.

The city and the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce launched this initiative to raise awareness of restaurants and other businesses that continue to serve customers while adhering to restrictions and physical distancing measures.

Learn more, list your business on the map or find participating Scottsdale businesses on an interactive map at [ChooseScottsdale.com](http://ChooseScottsdale.com).



## LIGHT IT BLUE TO HONOR THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES

Have you seen the stunning sights of facilities throughout Scottsdale and the nation lit blue to honor those fighting for our health and safety, like *Impulsion* at WestWorld pictured above?

We invite you to do the same by illuminating your landscape and front porch with blue lights.

Show your glow by tagging us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.  
#LightItBlue #LightAZBlue

### Experts predict a dangerous summer fire season

Scottsdale Fire Department officials are warning that the wet winter and blooming spring will turn into perfect fuel for brush fires as temperatures climb and humidity falls.

This is especially dangerous in the northern part of Scottsdale within the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and area open spaces.

Even with nature's threat, it is possible to minimize the community's risk. Residents are encouraged to eliminate the non-native "invasive" plants that thrive after rainy seasons. This not only reduces the threat of fire, but also helps preserve the delicate ecological balance of the desert.

Establishing defensible space around your home helps the fire department protect your property from brush fires. Specific rules apply if you live in a designated Natural Area Open Space zone, but the general guidelines are to remove dry and dead vegetation on your property, trim tree canopies and remove dead branches and leaves, and do not keep flammable items or foliage underneath wooden decks and overhangs.

Find additional tips and information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "wildland fire."

**SCOTTSDALE UPDATE** is published six times per year by the city of Scottsdale. If you have questions or suggestions, please email [communications@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:communications@ScottsdaleAZ.gov).

#### General city information:

480-312-3111 or email [questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov)

# 54 PERCENT

## MORE THAN HALF THE HOMES IN SCOTTSDALE HAVE COMPLETED THE CENSUS - HAVE YOU?

As of late April, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that 54 percent of the households in Scottsdale had completed the census.

While it's encouraging that we're past the half-way mark, it is critically important that each household in Scottsdale completes the short questionnaire - we need 100 percent!

Data from the census affects more than \$20 billion in funding annually for Arizona, and responding in Scottsdale helps our community receive its fair share. The city also uses census data to plan services and projects, and to place facilities like fire stations, parks and community centers where they will be most effective - an accurate count is vital!

### What should I know about completing the census?

You have three choices to complete the census questionnaire. Respond in the method you're most comfortable with -- online, by phone or on paper.

The census will not come in the form of an unsolicited email and it won't ask for money.

### Is it safe to complete my questionnaire online?

The 2020 Census website is safe and secure. Regardless of how you respond, the Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information.

### How long will it take to complete the form?

Filling out the census form should only take a few minutes - the long forms are long gone. There are fewer than 10 questions covering things like age, gender, race and household living arrangements.

### What about part-time residents?

If you don't live in Scottsdale year-round, you should report your U.S. residency wherever you live and sleep most of the time - even if you are a citizen of a foreign country. If you aren't sure, report your residency where you were on April 1.

### When do I have to respond?

Right away. The Census Bureau is beginning follow-ups with households who haven't responded. All census responses need to be received no later than Oct. 31.

### When will we know the results?

The Census Bureau must deliver a report to the president by April 30, 2021. Local details will be released after that.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "census."

**We're counting on you, Scottsdale!**



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