Impact of COVID-19 on:

2020 CENSUS DATA & REDISTRICTING

The Census Bureau has announced significant operational changes in the wake of COVID-19. Here are the implications of these potential changes on census, apportionment, redistricting and elections.

### Proposed Census Timeline Changes:

**Enumeration:**
- Planned Schedule: March 12 – July 31
- Revised Schedule: March 12 – October 31

**Apportionment Counts:**
- Planned Schedule: By December 31
- Proposed Schedule: *April 30, 2021

**Redistricting Counts:**
- Planned Schedule: By April 1, 2021
- Proposed Schedule: *July 31, 2021

*Must be approved by Congress

### If timeline changes are made:

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New timeline may force states to change redistricting deadlines

New timeline could potentially compress election schedules.

New timeline would impact state redistricting deadlines AND election schedules.

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