

WATCH FOR A LETTER FROM THE IRS RE YOUR STIMULUS PAYMENT:

For security reasons, the IRS plans to mail a letter about the economic impact payment to the taxpayer's last known address within 15 days after the payment is paid. The letter will provide information on how the payment was made and how to report any failure to receive the payment. If a taxpayer is unsure they're receiving a legitimate letter, the IRS urges taxpayers to visit IRS.gov first to protect against scam artists.

RECEIVING YOUR INDIVIDUAL STIMULUS PAYMENTS:

Filed 2018 and/or 2019 with your **correct** direct deposit information? Then you should be receiving your one-time stimulus payment from the IRS at some point in the next week (April). Some clients have received theirs already. More information on the payments: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center>

Filed 2018 and/or 2019 with **no direct deposit or incorrect** direct deposit and/or current address? You can update your information in order to receive the stimulus payment via direct deposit or mailed to the correct address. It's the "Get My Payment" button that will turn blue when it's activated.

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

Family or friends who were NOT required to file and do NOT receive Social Security or RR income? Use the blue button "Non-Filers: Enter Payment info Here" to sign them up to receive the stimulus money. If the person was a dependent on someone else's return, then they do not qualify. If they should have filed the taxes and just did not file the taxes, then they do not qualify. All people who are required to file taxes for 2018 or 2019 have to file at least one of those years in order to qualify for the stimulus payment. If you chose this option and later learn that you could file the taxes, this will make it so you're not allowed to e-file the tax return (but can file by mail when the IRS opens again).

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

For more information about the stimulus amounts/who qualifies/etc. here is a nice short Q&A of frequently asked questions: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center>

APRIL 14TH, 2020:

CR TAX SERVICE OPERATIONS:

As this stay at home reality is setting in, we really appreciate all the concern and well-wishes from our clients all over the country. I have been talking with so many people, from Alaska to Florida, and from Hawaii to Maine, and we're all facing such immediate challenges. My biggest concern has been that you know we are here for anything tax-wise we can do to help at this time. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns. We are first and foremost here to help.

We have been able to keep working full time to try to get through the rush for the stimulus needs. However, this is proving to be very difficult. Our children just found out that school has been cancelled for the rest of the school year, and we are having to follow school guidelines for our children's online learning. Plus, we are the only adults home with the kiddos during the day at this point. We are staying healthy, and trying to prioritize tax work the best we can.

Tax office hours will be starting at noon Pacific Time so that I can dedicate mornings to teaching and spending time with my daughter. Brandy will be taking time off for her family. Rest assured that we are not closing shop and will be here for you for many years to come.

Many wishes for your health and safety -

WATCH FOR SCAMS! THE IRS **WILL NEVER REQUEST YOUR INFORMATION!** THE IRS WILL NEVER CALL YOU OR EMAIL YOU. IF YOU RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE IRS OR STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, PLEASE SEND ME A COPY SO I CAN ASSIST YOU WITH THE LETTER AND MAKE SURE IT'S NOT A SCAM.

BUSINESSES: SCHEDULE C FILERS/CORPORATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

1. If you can't work due to the Corona Virus and haven't already, apply for unemployment through your state. You may have to apply several times, but the additional \$600/week supplemental unemployment payments are supposed to start paying out this week to the states from the feds. The sooner you register with the state (even if it's telling you \$0), the sooner these payments will kick in, and should pay retroactively from when you first applied.
2. All of you can also apply for the PPP payroll program. This potentially gives you up to 10K for 10 weeks' worth of your wages. Then you have to turn around and pay out those 10 weeks of wages within 8 weeks. They will look at one of two options for this program – either your last 12 months of payroll/income or your 2019 payroll/income. Your bank is your key resource for applying. Info: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP%20Borrower%20Information%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
3. The SBA loan is more of a murky monster at this point – those who have applied have not heard back, and many have been told there's not much of a chance. However, it's still worth a try if you have overhead that needs to be paid while your business is closed. This is still only a loan, not a grant, so it will need to be paid back. Also, if you applied for both PPP and SBA loans, and receive both, there will be some inter-meshing in the aftermath. Again, your bank is your key resource for applying – more info: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>
4. Although your bank is your key resource for applying, I can provide you with any payroll reports that you need.

5. For my payroll clients – I will be contacting you individually regarding Quarter 1 payroll taxes due April 30th.

MARCH 26TH: ADDITIONAL STIMULUS INFORMATION

Your stimulus dollar amount will be based on your 2019 tax return numbers if it's already been filed. If not, it will be based on your 2018 numbers. If you haven't filed 2019 taxes yet, you can weigh the options based on what income levels you had for either year. Also, people who only receive social security payments as income (therefore not required to file taxes) are NOT going to be required to file a tax return in order to receive the stimulus money (unlike in the past).

If you have a direct payment scheduled for 2019 taxes and you want to cancel :call the IRS at 888-353-4537

Stimulus money per individual (time frame not known at this time) will work like this:

1. Payments made will be based off of your 2018 tax return if you haven't filed 2019, and based off of 2019 tax return if you have filed 2019. If you have not filed either, you will not be receiving a stimulus payment. There is still time to file either or both before the stimulus money is sent out.
2. If you used direct deposit the IRS will use that account to deposit your stimulus money. If that isn't valid any more, or doesn't work, then they will send a check in the mail to the address on that return.
3. For single filers with adjusted gross income under \$75,000 and married filers with adjusted gross income under \$150,000, you will receive the total amount of the stimulus payment. That amount is \$1200 for single/\$2400 for married. You also receive \$500 per child under 17 years old. (UNKNOWN: since this is for 2020, children under 17 on Dec. 31st, 2020 might be the cut-off). If your income is over the amount, the amount is reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income.
4. This will not be taxable income, but it will be considered an advanced tax credit payment for the 2020 taxes, so we have to account for the credit amount you received or didn't receive during 2020 when we file your 2020 taxes next year. If you were not able to qualify for the credit based on your 2019 or 2108 income, your 2020 income could qualify you for the tax credit when we go to file that return.

What does that mean for me?

1. Have we filed 2019 taxes? If yes, then your check is based on 2019 income and we account for the credit on the 2020 taxes. If the address or direct deposit information is no longer current for that return, then see #3 for options.
2. If we haven't filed 2019 taxes, we analyze the option of holding off from filing if your 2019 income would put you over the income limits for the stimulus check, or if filing 2019 would be better than your 2018 income for receiving a bigger check.
3. Make sure your information is current with the IRS. (For address changes – the BEST thing you can do is to make sure that the post office has a "change of address" on file and that your mail is forwarding the way it should be.)