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Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Bulletin

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Economic Impact Payment and Urgent Deadline

Many U.S. residents have already received Economic Impact Payments. We have compiled answers to your frequently asked questions!¹

Also, the [IRS has provided resources](#) on how to check the status of your payment and *if* there any additional steps that you need to take.



¹ Readers are encouraged to review the underlying information here and reminded that this bulletin is for informational purposes only. It does not create an attorney-client relationship.

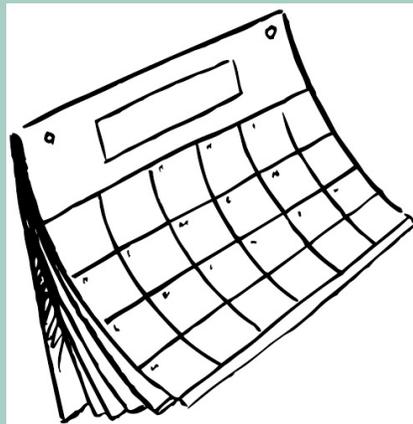
Visit the IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief page

Urgent Deadline:

Tomorrow, May 5th

SSI Recipients and Stimulus Payment:

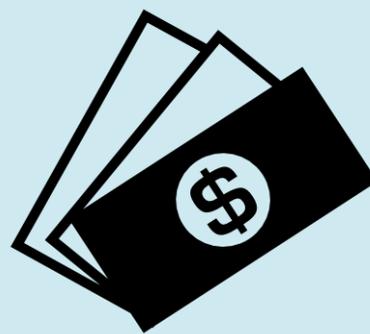
Adults who receive SSI benefits and have dependent children have until **May 5th** to file for the stimulus payment for themselves and the children. These individuals should use the [IRS Non-Filer Portal](#). Individuals who do not file by May 5th will receive the stimulus payment for themselves. However, their children will not receive the payment until 2021, after the parent files a 2020 tax return.



Economic Impact Payments Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Economic Impact Payments from the IRS for 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic?

In response to COVID-19, U.S. residents with a Social Security number will receive Economic Impact Payments of up to \$1,200 for individuals and up to \$2,400 to taxpayers who are married filing jointly. An additional \$500 is available for to taxpayers with dependents.



Am I eligible for an Economic Impact Payment if someone claims me as a dependent?

No. You are not eligible for any payment if someone else claims you as a dependent on their tax return.

No one else can claim me as a dependent. Am I eligible for the Economic Impact Payment?

Yes, and you can check your eligibility and the status of your payment on [IRS.GOV](https://www.irs.gov).

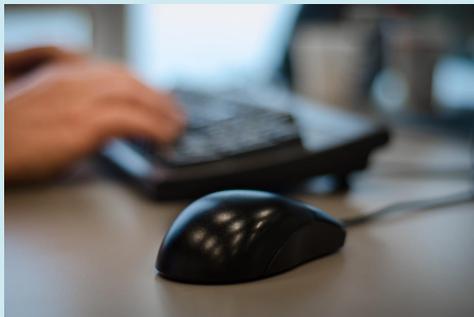
Check My Payment Status

I am not a dependent. How do I get my payment?

If you filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019, the IRS will use these tax returns to calculate your payment. If you placed direct deposit information on the tax return, the payment will be deposited directly into your bank account.

If you did not file a tax return, you must submit your information on [IRS.GOV](https://www.irs.gov).

IRS Guidelines for Non-Filers



If you receive Social Security, SSI, Supplement Security income benefits or veterans' benefits, the IRS will send you the payment in the same manner as you receive our benefit.

I still have not received my payment and I believe I am eligible. What should I do?

You must check the status of your payment and provide requested information on [IRS.GOV](https://www.irs.gov).

Check My Payment Status

I received my Economic Impact payment but I did not receive the additional \$500 for my dependent. How do I get the payment for my dependent?

You must add dependent information on [IRS.GOV](https://www.irs.gov).

I received a payment for a relative who is now deceased. For example, a widower receives a payment for his wife who died in 2019. Will I have to return this payment?

The deceased are not eligible for Economic Impact Payments. Expect the IRS to ask for a return of the payment in the future.

Is this payment taxable income?

No. Economic Impact payments will not be assessed as income next year nor will payments be counted for any federal “means program” such as TANF or Public Housing.

I have questions about taxes or need assistance. Who can help me?

For help please call Rhode Island Legal Services at (800) 662-5034.

I need to file my 2019 tax return. Can someone help me?

Tax returns are beginning prepared and submitted at one of the Virtual Vita Sites below. Taxpayers will be asked to drop off the tax documents and will be called when the returns are ready. **Call before dropping off any documents.**

Comprehensive Communication Action
311 Doric Avenue, Cranston
401-467-7013
Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Federal Hill House
9 Courtland Street, Providence
401-421-4722
Monday 9 a.m. to noon
Tuesday 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon

Connecting for Children and Families
46 Hope Street, Woonsocket
401-766-3384
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

We all know someone who has been impacted by this crisis. If you need help, our Providence office can be reached at 401.274.2652 and our Newport office can be reached at 401.846.2264. If you'd like to help, [donate here](#). Other useful resources are available below. You are not alone.



Click the buttons below for other useful information:

Center for Disease Control
& Prevention (CDC)

RI Office of the Governor,
Gina Raimondo

US Department of Veteran
Affairs

Medicare & Medicaid
Resources

Social Security Resource

United Way Rhode Island

RI Coalition for the Homeless

IRS Coronavirus Tax
Relief

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