COVID-19 Information on
Extra Support from the Government

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What’s happening?**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the IRS has announced they will provide extra monetary support beginning in April of 2020. The support will be deposited into your bank account if the IRS has that information, with no action required for most people.

**Where do I sign up?**

You don't. There's no sign up. The payments will be automatic for people who have filed a tax return or gotten Social Security benefits recently. The IRS asks people not to call with questions, but to keep checking this [website](https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment) where they will post updates about the program once they are available.

If you haven’t filed a tax return in the last two years, you can submit your information here: [https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment](https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment)

**How much will I get?**

For people who have already filed their 2019 tax returns, the IRS will use this information to calculate the payment amount. For those who have not yet filed their return for 2019, the IRS will use information from their 2018 tax filing to calculate the payment.

You can use the Forbes Stimulus Check Calculator to see the amount you are likely to receive: [https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/stimulus-check-calculator/](https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/stimulus-check-calculator/)

**How will the money be sent?**

If you've received a tax refund in the last two years by direct deposit, that's where the money will be sent. The IRS suggests that if you haven’t yet filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019, do it as soon as you can, so that the government has your up-to-date information on file.

**Where can I get more information?**

The IRS will post all key information on [www.IRS.gov/coronavirus](http://www.IRS.gov/coronavirus) as soon as it becomes available.

**What should I do with this extra support?**

The extra support should be used to pay rent and other essential expenses. If you have any questions about how to budget or best utilize this additional support, please email assessment@familygateway.org.